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N.C. bans abortions after 12 weeks

Republicans override veto and tout legislation as model for other states

BY CAROLINE KITCHENER AND RACHEL ROUBEIN

The North Carolina legislature banned most abortions after 12 weeks of pregnancy Tuesday evening, voting to override the veto of Gov. Roy Cooper (D), while a similar measure heads to a final vote in Nebraska in the coming days.

The Senate voted to override the veto in a 30-to-20 vote Tuesday afternoon with the House swiftly following suit in a 72-to-48 vote. Shouts of "shame, shame" erupted on the House floor after the chamber, with its new GOP supermajority, approved the override.

The bills both significantly narrow the window for legal abortions but stop short of more restrictive bans that have taken effect across the South and Midwest since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* — the result of a push from moderate Republicans who feared political backlash.

In South Carolina, Republicans are moving a bill through the state legislature that would ban most

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CEO warns Congress of potential AI 'harm'

Head of ChatGPT maker calls for creating agency to set standards for field

BY CAT ZAKRZEWSKI, CRISTIANO LIMA AND WILL OREMUS

OpenAI chief executive Sam Altman delivered a sobering account of ways artificial intelligence could "cause significant harm to the world" during his first congressional testimony, expressing a willingness to work with nervous lawmakers to address the risks presented by his company's ChatGPT and other AI tools.

Altman advocated a number of regulations — including a new government agency charged with creating standards for the field — to address mounting concerns that generative AI could distort reality and create unprecedented safety hazards. The CEO tallied "risky" behaviors presented by technology like ChatGPT, including spreading "one-on-one interactive disinformation" and emotional manipulation. At one point he acknowledged AI could be used to target drone strikes.

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Eyes on the poor: Cameras, facial recognition watch over public housing

Surveillance systems purchased with federal grants are being used to punish, evict residents

BY DOUGLAS MACMILLAN
IN STEUBENVILLE, OHIO

When they installed the new surveillance system, local officials promised it would help tamp down a gang war menacing this forgotten steel town. But residents of Steubenville public housing soon learned the cameras were pointed at them.

One man was filmed spitting in a hallway. A woman was recorded removing a cart from a communal laundry room. Footage in both cases was presented to a judge to help evict the residents in court.

After the cameras caught her lending her key fob to an unauthorized guest, Melanie Otis, 52, also was threatened with eviction. Otis, who has vision loss, was allowed to stay after she explained the visitor was a friend bringing her groceries.

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Agencies have been purchasing the tools, though there is little evidence that they make communities safer. Above, a montage of surveillance videos from a public housing community in New Bedford, Mass.

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NOTES OF OPTIMISM AFTER TALKS

Biden allies worry about concessions to GOP

BY JEFF STEIN, RACHEL SIEGEL, MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR AND LIZ GOODWIN

President Biden and top congressional leaders expressed optimism about urgent negotiations over the debt ceiling after a meeting at the White House on Tuesday, as the administration's liberal allies worried that talks with House Republicans over the budget risk rewarding the GOP's hard-line stance.

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) sounded confident that an agreement could be reached ahead of a June 1 deadline to raise the nation's borrowing limit or risk a global economic catastrophe. Biden gave a similar assessment, though major differences remain between the two sides before a deal can be struck.

White House officials also announced that Biden would be cutting short a visit to Asia as the administration seeks to finalize an agreement. Aides to McCarthy and Biden will negotiate directly, lawmakers said, slimming down the number of parties involved in the talks as the deadline nears. The White House said staff would continue meeting daily, adding that Biden will check in with leaders by phone during his trip this week and in person when he returns.

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Ready to let her young cowboy ride?

Amanda Paquette of Independence, Va., puts new chaps on her son, Preston Malvoisin, 7, before heading to a March 4 rodeo in nearby King, N.C., where he was signed up to ride a bucking bull calf. After seeing a 14-year-old boy fatally injured this year on his first bull ride, Paquette struggled with whether to let her son continue the sport, even though she feels it makes him part of a community and teaches grit. Preston, though, had no doubts. He wanted to ride. **Story, A6**

In Florida clash, Iger proves a formidable foe

Disney chief doesn't wilt in the heat of DeSantis's culture-war broadsides

BY TODD C. FRANKEL AND LORI ROZSA

Bob Iger was getting restless.

It was late February 2022, and Iger was only a few weeks into his retirement after a storied career running the Walt Disney Co. He'd orchestrated deals to bring Pixar, Marvel and Star Wars to Disney. And he'd rarely shied away from fights on social issues he felt were important. In 2016, he was credited with helping persuade Georgia's governor to veto an anti-LGBTQ bill when Disney threatened to stop filming in the state. A year later, he cited his concerns about climate change when he quit President Donald Trump's business advisory council.

Now, Iger was sitting on the sidelines watching Florida lawmakers consider a new piece of legislation called the Parental Rights in Education bill. Critics had already labeled it "don't say gay," because the bill would prohibit classroom discussions involving sexual orientation and gender identity in early grades. The bill seemed to have little to do with Disney's theme parks in Orlando. Still, Disney's army of lobbyists in Florida kept an eye on the legislation.

The risk to Disney appeared so remote that top executives at Disney's headquarters in Burbank, Calif., were still largely in the dark about the issue, according to a person familiar with the company's thinking who spoke on the condition of anonymity to disclose corporate discussions.

"It was on no one's radar," said this person.

Then, on Feb. 24, 2022, Iger tweeted.

"If passed, this bill will put vulnerable, young LGBTQ people in jeopardy," Iger wrote.

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Black communities endure wave of excess deaths, studies find

BY AKILAH JOHNSON



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Lauri Powell massages her sister Aysha-Samon Stokes during labor at a Los Angeles birthing center on Sunday. For African Americans, infant mortality is a leading cause of excess death and years of life lost.

America's Black communities experienced an excess 1.6 million deaths compared with the White population during the past two decades, a staggering loss that comes at a cost of hundreds of billions of dollars, according to two new studies that build on a generation of research into health disparities and inequity.

In one study, researchers conclude that the gap in health outcomes translated into 80 million years of potential life lost — years of life that could have been preserved if the gap between Black and White mortality rates had been eliminated. The second report determined the price society pays for failing to achieve health equity and allowing Black people to die prematurely: $238 billion in 2018 alone.

"This is our collective challenge as a country because it hurts all of us deeply," said Marcella Nunez-Smith, associate dean for health equity research at Yale University and co-author of the study on excess deaths and years of life lost. "All of the potential. Which one of those people whose life was cut short was on the way to some scientific discovery that would transform all of our lives or create beautiful art and music? Who among them was going to be a spiritual or religious leader? Not to mention the economic impact."

The reasons for the excess deaths and resulting economic toll are many, including mass incarceration, but the root is the same, according to the reports published Tuesday in the influential medical journal JAMA: the unequal nature of how American society is structured.

That includes access to quality schools, jobs with a living wage, housing in safe neighborhoods, health insurance and medical care — all of which affect health and well-being. For centuries, Black people were legally deprived of these benefits, and researchers said we have yet to fully ameliorate the effects.

"Just to illustrate the issue, one of the clearest examples of structural racism was in 1935 when the Social Security Act was passed," said Thomas LaVeist, dean of the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and the lead author of the study on the economic implications of health disparities. "They intentionally left out domestic workers and farmworkers who were disproportionately Black. That hasn't been fully unraveled."

And the shorter life expectancy of Black Americans means they do not derive what they have invested in Social Security. People born in 1960 can start receiving their full Social Security benefits at 67, but according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Black men born that year had an average life expectancy of 61 years.

Not only is that person paying into a system they are not fully benefiting from but society is also losing "because that person isn't there as part of the economy," LaVeist said. "We've paid for schooling for this person, who gets a job and pays taxes and dies prematurely. The investment in that person is never recovered by society."

That comes at a significant cost in military readiness, in workforce fitness, in dollars and cents.

Researchers explored the economic burden caused by health inequities when someone dies prematurely or must pay out-of-pocket costs and third-party payments to health-care providers for emergency room visits, ambulance services, or vision and dental care.

They also calculated the economic toll when people can't work because they or relatives are sick, or when employees show up to work but are less productive because they're not well.

Expanding their analysis to a broader population, the researchers concluded that the failure to achieve health equity in 2018 cost the nation $1.03 trillion. That price tag includes the burden experienced by American adults older than 25 who do not have a college degree and by Native American, Asian, Black, Latino and Pacific Islander people.

More than two-thirds of the economic burden experienced by communities of color was attributed to premature deaths, with most of those untimely deaths coming from the Black community. Meanwhile, "adults with a 4-year-college degree had zero premature death costs," the report said.

For nearly 40 years, study after study examining disparate health outcomes in the Black community have started by referencing a landmark study on Black and minority health that came to be known as the "Heckler Report," so named because it was written when Margaret Heckler was President Ronald Reagan's health secretary. The two studies released Tuesday are no exception in citing that report, which attributed 60,000 excess deaths a year to health disparities as it became a clarion call to the nation.

"It's not just the '85 report, it's going back to 'The Philadelphia Negro' with W.E.B. Du Bois," which was published 124 years ago and was the first ethnography to outline problems faced by the Black community, said Darrell Hudson, who researches health disparities at Washington University in St. Louis. "The outcome is not new. Our understanding of the mechanisms, policies and practices have evolved."

In the decades since, modern medicine has witnessed major scientific discoveries and technological breakthroughs, but those advances haven't benefited everyone equally. When taken together, researchers say, the reports released Tuesday dispel several myths about how society has — and has not — responded to the alarm sounded more than a generation ago.

"We tend to have this idea as we move through time, we're constantly improving," said Jessica Owens-Young, an assistant professor in the Department of Health Studies at American University, where she researches health equity. But, she said, "we can't always assume that as we continue to innovate that is going to promote and protect people's health."

Nunez-Smith, who was chair of President Biden's Covid-19 Health Equity Task Force, said the report on excess deaths dispenses with the notion that the root causes of racial health disparities reflect "some deterministic factor that race is biological."

Nunez-Smith and the other researchers analyzed death certificates from 1999 through 2020 to reach their conclusions about excess deaths — the observed number of deaths vs. what would be expected if Black and White death rates were the same.

From 1999 to the early 2010s, the report found that the gap in excess deaths narrowed, dropping by about 48 percent for Black men and about 61 percent for Black women compared with their White counterparts. But then progress plateaued, the excess burden of death stubbornly persisting until it ballooned in 2020.

Excess mortality during the first year of the coronavirus pandemic, the report said, exceeded that of any previous year of the study.

Infants bore the brunt of excess deaths and years of life lost along with adults older than 50. The death gap between men and women widened sharply, according to the report.

The leading causes of excess death and years of life lost, according to the study, include infant mortality, heart disease and cancer.

"These findings indicate that current efforts to curb or eliminate mortality disparities have been minimally effective, and progress, when made, has been fragile," the report concluded.

The numbers represent something else, said Harlan Krumholz, a cardiologist at the Yale School of Medicine and co-author of the excess death study: a greater need to recognize "where we're failing and the magnitude of the problem."

"Why don't we accept that this is really racism as cause of death?" Krumholz asked. "What other health problem has created that kind of loss?"

The study shows that, except for ages 1 to 10, Black males experienced the highest rates of excess death and years of life lost, a finding that Derek Griffith, director of Georgetown University's Center for Men's Health Equity in the Racial Justice Institute, said reinforces the need to consider the ways "anti-Black racism is gendered and use that as foundation for how we need to intervene."

Griffith said the report mentions "structural racism, but it's too blunt of an instrument. Anti-Black racism manifests in stereotypes and tropes. It's that cultural narrative that shapes why it makes it okay for us to have these patterns."

Many of those stereotypes are viewed through a gender lens, he said.

Research shows Black boys are often viewed as older, stronger and less innocent than their peers. Black men are seen as criminals, intellectually inferior, "deadbeat dads." Black women are reduced to racist caricatures of lasciviousness, aggressiveness, the "welfare queen."

"We don't tend to think about the structural drivers of racial inequity in a way that is precise enough," Griffith said. He noted that talking about Black men's poor health outcomes often "gets uncomfortable. We try to deal with this as a race pattern without dealing with the gender pattern."

Those differences are evident in how men are socialized to handle stress and their health. Also, researchers said, many government and health programs tend to be geared toward helping single mothers, but those same services aren't available for men and single fathers.

"Over time, we find that socioeconomic status doesn't protect in the same way it does for other people, especially for Black men who report more discrimination the more income and education they have," Hudson, of Washington University, said.

Often, to seek out upward mobility, Black people have to cross boundaries, navigating mostly White spaces to get an education, earn a living, take out a loan, raise a child. That can prove caustic, Hudson said, because if someone is constantly crossing boundaries, they are constantly experiencing stress — or anticipating it.

Stress is a physiological reaction, hard-wired. At the first sign of danger, the brain sounds an alarm, setting off a torrent of neurological and hormonal signals that flood the bloodstream. Overexposure to those hormones wears down the body, causing it to become sicker and age quicker, or "weather."

While weathering isn't specific to race, it is believed to take a particular toll on Black people because of the unique, unrelenting stress caused by racism. Research shows Black people have much higher rates of hypertension, obesity, diabetes and strokes than White people do, and they develop those chronic conditions up to 10 years earlier.

"Our bodies are not sophisticated enough to discern that this is not a lion on the savanna but someone who just looked at you funny," said Hudson, who calls it "the cost of upward social mobility."

But there is reason for hope, and it can be found in the period during the coronavirus pandemic when the gap between Black and White death rates began to shrink and even flip. In 2021, White people had the second-biggest drop in life expectancy, losing a full year while Black people lost 0.7 years, according to the CDC.

"And why was that happening?" asked Reed Tuckson, co-founder of the Black Coalition Against Covid. There are two reasons, he said. "One, of course, was the destructive messaging that came from many White political leaders but also the impact of the mobilization of Black faith and community-based organizations and social and fraternal organizations."

Tuckson, an internist and former D.C. public health commissioner, said the herculean efforts by the Black community "to fight for our lives" despite having meager resources show that it is past time for the federal government "to find a way to create sustainable, predictable funding at scale to support the Black community and its institutions."

"We have shown that we can catch up despite running a race with an anvil on our backs," he said.

Intrusion at Biden adviser's home is investigated

BY CAROL D. LEONNIG AND TYLER PAGER

The U.S. Secret Service is investigating how a man entered the home of President Biden's national security adviser in the middle of the night roughly two weeks ago without being detected by agents guarding his house, according to three government officials.

The unknown man walked into Jake Sullivan's home at about 3 a.m. one night in late April and Sullivan confronted the individual, instructing him to leave, two of the people briefed on the incident said. There were no signs of forced entry at the home, according to one of the people.

Sullivan has a round-the-clock Secret Service detail. But agents stationed outside the house were unaware that an intruder had gotten inside the home, located in the West End neighborhood of Washington, until the man had already left and Sullivan came outside to alert the agents, the two people said.

The intruder appeared to be intoxicated and confused about where he was, according to people briefed on the incident. There is no evidence the person knew Sullivan or sought to harm him, they said.

In a statement, the Secret Service said it has launched an investigation into the incident and how the intruder accessed Sullivan's home undetected.

The agency said it considered the security breach a matter of significant concern.

"While the protectee was unharmed, we are taking this matter seriously and have opened a comprehensive mission assurance investigation to review all facets of what occurred," Secret Service spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said in the statement, in response to an inquiry from The Washington Post. "Any deviation from our protective protocols is unacceptable and if discovered, personnel will be held accountable."

Guglielmi said the Secret Service has deployed additional security precautions for Sullivan and around his home, pending the completion of the investigation.

The White House declined to comment.

Normally, anyone intruding on the property of a person protected by the Secret Service would be detained for questioning, then most likely arrested and charged with trespassing. But people familiar with the incident said the person who entered Sullivan's home departed the scene before Secret Service agents were alerted to his presence.

Although Sullivan was unhurt, the incident has sparked alarm among the very small group of White House and national security officials made aware of the episode, especially because the Secret Service in 2021 added a heightened level of security for the national security adviser, a senior aide to the president who coordinates diplomatic and military affairs.

Previously, national security advisers were provided Secret Service protection only when they traveled outside the Washington area, according to a senior national security official and a former Secret Service executive. That changed after the FBI uncovered a 2021 Iranian plot to assassinate John Bolton, the then-retired national security adviser who had served under President Donald Trump, the current official explained.

Following that discovery, the Secret Service decided to extend full-time protective details to Sullivan, Bolton and Robert C. O'Brien, Bolton's successor. That means agents are now stationed outside Sullivan's Washington home full-time when he is in town.

The Justice Department charged an Iranian military official in the Bolton plot in August 2022. Before resigning his post in 2019, Bolton had been the primary architect of a campaign of escalating sanctions and threats of retaliation over Iran's support of terrorist activity.

The incident at Sullivan's home comes after the October attack on the husband of then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) at the couple's San Francisco home. An intruder broke in during the early-morning hours, shouting, "Where is Nancy?" and assaulted Paul Pelosi with a hammer. The then-speaker, who is protected by the U.S. Capitol Police and not the Secret Service, was not at home at the time.

Capitol Police cameras at the Pelosi home captured the break-in in real time, but it was not immediately seen in the Washington command center, The Post reported last year.

Sullivan lives with his wife, Margaret Goodlander, a former counselor to Attorney General Merrick Garland who now serves in the Justice Department's antitrust division.

He has served as Biden's national security adviser since the start of his presidency, coming to the White House after holding a senior role in the Biden campaign. In the Obama administration, Sullivan advised Biden, who was then vice president, on national security issues and also worked as a top aide to then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, ultimately joining her 2016 presidential campaign.

As Biden's top national security aide, Sullivan has played an integral role in all of the president's foreign policy decisions and activities, from the withdrawal of U.S. troops in Afghanistan to the creation of a global coalition in support of Ukraine.

He has traveled on nearly every foreign trip with the president.

Matt Viser contributed to this report.

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Owners won't quit their cheap mortgages

Fewer homes are hitting the market as people hang on to coveted rates

BY RACHEL SIEGEL



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Homes in Rocklin, Calif. According to Redfin, 92 percent of homeowners at the end of 2022 had a rate below 6 percent. The current 30-year fixed rate is above 6 percent.

When Colleen Randall bought her house in 2016 for $174,000, she figured it was the perfect starter home. Then the past few years made the deal even sweeter: She doubled the square footage after redoing her unfinished basement. Now the three-bed, three-bath house in Hagerstown, Md., is worth at least $260,000. Refinancing in 2020 also lowered her mortgage rate from 3.25 to 2.75 percent and knocked off her private mortgage insurance.

And that's the problem.

Randall, 33, and her husband want to have a second child, but their third bedroom is a sunroom and wouldn't work for a new baby. They would normally just look to move and sell it. But they can't imagine giving up their ultralow rate for a new mortgage above 6 percent on a bigger house. The more likely scenario: delay having another kid and stay put.

"My mortgage payment would essentially double if we purchased a house with around the same square footage, with just a better layout," Randall said. "I just can't do it. If I could predict the future, we're probably going to stay where we are. It's just too comfortable a position."

People like the Randalls are everywhere, and they're causing unanticipated problems for the housing market. Home values soared in the past few years, as the pandemic reshuffled people's housing needs, and buyers clamored for the few listings available. To cool that demand — and tame inflation throughout the economy — the Federal Reserve has been hiking interest rates at the fastest pace in decades. Those moves sent mortgage rates surging past 7 percent last fall, and while they've pulled back somewhat, the 30-year fixed rate was still around 6.35 percent last week, according to Freddie Mac.

But those increases are also discouraging owners from putting their homes on the market and forfeiting the low rates at which they borrowed money before last year. And that is cutting down on the supply of houses, especially for conventional starter homes that have long helped first-time buyers gain a foothold in the market.

"The world is going back toward normal, but we still have the aftermath of what happened," said Skylar Olsen, chief economist at Zillow. "That's moving the housing market to behave this way."

Striking a balance between supply and demand in the housing market is key to getting inflation under control. But experts say they don't see the logjam getting better until rates simmer down, which probably won't happen until next year. Even then, the days of super-low rates are likely over for a generation of home buyers who came of age when it was much easier to get a cheap loan.

The vast majority of homeowners have rates below today's average. At end of 2022, 62 percent of mortgage holders had a rate below 4 percent, and 82 percent had a rate below 5 percent, according to Redfin data. A whopping 92 percent had a rate below 6 percent.

The number of new listings hitting the market are also far below normal levels, as millions of homeowners decide not to budge. In February, listings were down more than 23 percent from the year before, according to Zillow, and more than 32 percent from pre-pandemic levels.

The drop is more dramatic in certain areas. Listings in Winston, N.C., were down 65.6 percent in February compared with the year before, according to Zillow, and they dropped 49.6 percent in Milwaukee, 39 percent in Las Vegas, and 36.8 percent in D.C.

The decline in listings is unusual, even compared with before the pandemic. By that measure, listings fell 67.3 percent in Winston, and 45.9 percent in Las Vegas.

In normal times, Knoxville, Tenn., would have around 10,000 active listings at any given moment. But by the time Hancen Sale was shopping for his first home in late 2020 and early 2021, only 1,300 properties were for sale. He still managed to buy a three-bedroom, two-bathroom historic home with a 2.75 percent mortgage rate for $291,000.

Sale works for the Knoxville Area Association of Realtors and has seen how the pandemic turbocharged the college town's housing market. In 2021, the annual income needed to afford the average house with a 10 percent down payment was $55,677, according to his research. By the end of 2022, it was $88,808. So at age 25, he can't imagine giving up his situation, and if he ever did outgrow the house, he'd rent it out.

"It's going to be hard for me, financially, to move elsewhere," Sale said. "It's kind of frozen me in place in a lot of ways. And even if I did move, I would probably be holding onto a house like this, because the rate is so low, it would be a good revenue-generating investment for me."

Meanwhile, scores of people are clamoring to find any homes available, even if that means taking on a high rate.

Emily Engel and Tyler Young have been trying to buy their first home together for six months — ever since Engel's landlord told her he wanted to sell the property where she lives. The long-distance couple has been scouring for a home in north-central Connecticut for around $325,000. They've lost out on six offers.

Last month, they were getting ready to put in their seventh. But while they were on the phone with their real estate agent, they were told someone else had just put in a massive bid. The only way for Engel and Young to get back to the front of the line would be to put down an extra $100,000 — cash.

"There's an overwhelming sense of hopelessness — that's the word — that washes over me every time," Engel said. "This is insane. We're not going to win. We're not rich. We don't have $100,000 extra. I'm almost 40. Am I not mature enough to own a house? You feel like a kid."

Engel said she doesn't see any signs demand in New England is cooling. But the housing market is extremely sensitive to changes in interest rates, and there are some indications that the Fed's moves are working as central bankers intended. The median existing-home price fell 0.9 percent in March from a year earlier, to $375,700, according to the National Association of Realtors. That marked the largest year-over-year price decline since January 2012.

Homes that do make it onto the market are taking longer to sell, which helps boost inventory and tame the buyer frenzy from earlier phases of the pandemic. Fed officials are betting that the slowdown will eventually trickle to the rental market, a crucial step since rent costs have become the main driver of inflation throughout the economy.

"We're not seeing it yet in housing services," Fed Chair Jerome H. Powell said in February. "But we expect to see that. We need that to happen. That's another big part of the economy. It's got to come. It should come in the second half of this year."

But prices probably won't drop markedly until there are simply more homes available. Experts have various estimates for how many more houses the country needs, with figures sometimes ranging from 1.5 million to 5 million. Last year, the White House unveiled its Housing Supply Action Plan, which aims to help close the country's housing shortfall in five years.

Persistent supply chain issues, labor shortages and the rising costs of construction have few experts hopeful that the plan can come to fruition. But the trend is at least moving in the right direction; the number of listings coming from new construction has been steadily climbing since 2016. At the end of 2019, right before the pandemic, almost 19 percent of listings came from new construction, according to Redfin data. By the beginning of 2023, that figure had grown to more than 33 percent.

Still, there is a long way to go, especially when it comes to luring people with ultralow rates.

Jonathan Levitt, 32, took advantage of remote work and moved from Boston to Boulder, Colo., during the pandemic. In 2021, he bought a three-bedroom house for $865,000. He locked in a 3.05 percent interest rate, and he estimated that if he bought the same house today, the monthly payment would be at least $1,000 higher.

Levitt keeps an eye on Zillow listings, and sees other, less-appealing homes in his neighborhood selling for $200,000 more than he paid. He's put money into upgrading the house — with solar panels, a sauna and workout equipment. He might rent it out down the line. But he can't imagine selling, or going back to his old Boston apartment with no outdoor space or parking.

"I'm losing money in that scenario," Levitt said, "versus gaining."



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Cameras' eyes on public housing

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officials are installing a new generation of powerful and pervasive surveillance systems, imposing an outsize level of scrutiny on some of the nation's poorest citizens. Housing agencies have been purchasing the tools — some equipped with facial recognition and other artificial intelligence capabilities — with no guidance or limits on their use, though the risks are poorly understood and little evidence exists that they make communities safer.

In rural Scott County, Va., cameras equipped with facial recognition scan everyone who walks past them, looking for people barred from public housing. In New Bedford, Mass., software is used to search hours of recordings to find any movement near the doorways of residents suspected of violating overnight guest rules. And in tiny Rolette, N.D., public housing officials have installed 107 cameras to watch up to 100 residents — a number of cameras per capita approaching that found in New York's Rikers Island jail complex.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has helped facilitate the purchase of cameras through federal crime-fighting grants. Those grants are meant to keep residents safer, and housing agencies say they do. But the cameras are also being used to generate evidence to punish and evict public housing residents, sometimes for minor violations of housing rules, according to interviews with residents and legal aid attorneys, a review of court records, and interviews and correspondence with administrators at more than 60 public housing agencies that received the grants in 27 states.

No data is available on how often the cameras are used for this purpose. But the previously unreported practice highlights how efforts to make public housing safer are subjecting many of the 1.6 million Americans who live there — overwhelmingly people of color — to round-the-clock surveillance. If evicted, former tenants can face difficulties finding housing and employment for the rest of their lives.

In an email, HUD spokeswoman Christina Wilkes said the agency never intended its safety and security grants to be used to punish residents for lease violations. But she added that such usage "is not a violation of the grant terms."

Melody McClurg, executive director of the Jefferson Metropolitan Housing Authority in Steubenville, said tenants are responsible for upholding the terms of their lease. The cameras, which are installed only in public places, are just one way of enforcing the rules, she said, adding that other factors contributed to the JMHA's concerns about Otis, the man who spit in the hallway and the woman who removed a laundry cart.

"People choose to get evicted by their actions," McClurg said.

As cameras have gotten smarter, their use in public housing is becoming a flash point in the national debate over facial recognition. States including Alabama, Colorado and Virginia have passed laws limiting the use by law enforcement, recognizing that these tools have been shown to produce false matches — particularly when scanning women and people of color.

Last month, after The Washington Post presented HUD with evidence of the growing use of sophisticated surveillance tools by local housing authorities, the agency said it would no longer permit future recipients to spend security grants on facial recognition. These tools "are not foolproof," and their mistakes can adversely impact public housing residents, Dominique Blom, HUD general deputy assistant secretary of public and Indian housing, said in an interview.

"This sends a signal to the housing community that this is the type of technology that the department is cautioning against," Blom said.

An arm of the police

Public housing authorities say cameras help solve crimes and make communities safer, though few of the agencies contacted by The Post could provide data showing these results. Officials in Richmond said their new cameras helped solve 10 of the 14 homicides in public housing last year.

In Steubenville, John Stasiulewicz, a former police detective who goes by the nickname "Stosh," is in charge of security for the public housing authority. He said the agency's cameras have become essential to local police, who rely on him to capture footage of drug busts that have led to the arrest and eviction of dealers and users.

"I am one of the arms of the police department," Stasiulewicz, 62, said. "I give them information and they act on it."

Steubenville police have installed about 100 surveillance cameras across the rest of the town, a city official said, while Stasiulewicz said he monitors 161 cameras in public housing. This means public housing residents — who are nearly three times more likely to be Black than other Steubenville residents, census records show — are about 25 times more likely to be observed by government-controlled cameras.

Stasiulewicz said he routinely uses the cameras to enforce housing rules, such as to investigate tenants who may be letting in unauthorized guests.

In Steubenville and elsewhere, public housing residents interviewed by The Post said they do worry about the safety of their neighborhoods. Some said they are happy to see more cameras outside their doors. However, many also complain that the surveillance systems "don't work," because they see scant evidence the devices help stop or solve crimes.

And some say cameras are being used to punish residents who pose no danger.

Tania Acabou was served an eviction notice in 2021 after the housing authority in New Bedford, Mass., used cameras to investigate her over several months. A single mother of two, Acabou had relied on her ex-husband to help take care of their kids while she worked days as a bus driver and attended night school to train for a career as a lab technician. The housing authority believed her ex was living at the house without contributing rent, court records show, violating a policy that restricts overnight visitors to 21 nights a year.

The housing authority used software to place a digital marker next to Acabou's front door and told the system to retrieve every moment when motion was detected near the marker, documents and interviews show. When her property manager suspected that Acabou's ex was leaving through the back door, she set up a portable camera in the backyard pointed directly at that door, according to housing authority officials and a review of the surveillance video obtained and verified by The Post.

"It got to the point where it was like harassment," Acabou, 33, said. "They really made my life hell."

Sam Ackah, security director for the New Bedford Housing Authority, said the agency tries to avoid evictions by working out agreements with residents to pay their rent or come into compliance with housing rules. He said the NBHA tried to work out an accommodation with Acabou, but she refused to acknowledge that her ex was living at the apartment. Acabou said she presented evidence to the agency showing he was living elsewhere.

Ackah said his team typically conducts video investigations into 10 to 15 people at any time, working to improve life for residents who follow housing rules by policing their neighbors who don't. The cameras — which were not purchased through a grant but through the agency's budget — help catch people living in public housing without paying rent and help identify unregistered guests, who have not been vetted for past offenses, he said.

Unlike the doorbell cameras voluntarily installed by residents of more affluent communities, surveillance cameras typically are installed in public housing without the consent or control of the residents. In D.C., one woman and her son were arrested in 2018 after trying to stop housing officials from entering her apartment to install a camera power box in her bedroom. In a lawsuit filed against the city, the woman claims a security officer who arrested her said she "did not have any rights as a public housing resident and that she could not stop the worker from installing the cameras."

Rachel Molly Joseph, chief operating officer for the DC Housing Authority, declined to comment on the lawsuit, which is pending, but said none of the cameras face the interior of residents' homes.

In Charlottesville, housing officials met with residents before installing a new surveillance system and learned they didn't like the idea of officials "just sitting there watching the cameras to see if tenants are breaking their lease," John Sales, the agency's executive director, said in an interview. Unlike many housing authorities contacted by The Post, officials in Charlottesville pledged not to use the cameras to enforce lease agreements.

Nationally, evictions from public housing have surged since late 2021, when the federal government lifted an eviction moratorium put in place to protect renters during the pandemic, according to Peter Hepburn, associate director of Princeton University's Eviction Lab. In the 10 states and 34 cities his group tracks, there were at least 5,576 evictions by public housing authorities in 2022, about twice as many as the previous year. Public housing evictions grew at a faster rate in that period than evictions overall, Hepburn said.

There is no way to measure how much of the increase may be due to more sophisticated surveillance. But attorneys who defend tenants in eviction cases said that in some communities with newer cameras, they have seen an uptick in cases referencing video footage as evidence for kicking people out.

Gavin Bates, a legal aid attorney in New Bedford, said the local housing authority's surveillance system now "regularly appears" in cases where his clients are being evicted. The authority uses this system "to great effect in moving people out," he added.

"Quite often when there is camera footage of an event, the event does show a rules violation of some kind," Bates said. "But there are also a lot of unrepresented folks who just believe that there is camera footage when they are told, the footage is never produced, and they do not know their rights and often make bad decisions as a result."

Ackah said the New Bedford Housing Authority provides video evidence to the court in cases where it exists. "If we do not have the evidence to prove a lease violation, then we would not be able to evict," he said.

Surveillance by algorithm

Camera manufacturers claim that artificial intelligence has made their devices capable of doing much more on their own, from identifying faces and license plates to spotting people loitering. As a result, residents in a growing number of cities are being watched by computer algorithms programmed to help authorities make split-second decisions about who and what is suspicious.

Of 41 housing authorities that told The Post they had bought new cameras using a HUD grant in recent years, 11 said their systems were equipped with facial recognition tools. Six said they planned to use this capability, either to assist police in criminal investigations, to control tenant access to buildings or to actively search for people banned from properties.

Housing officials in Scott County, Va., said they use cameras to spot former tenants and guests with some previous violation involving drugs or violence. After getting a $250,000 HUD grant and installing 80 cameras — about 1 for every 2 public housing residents — officials in Scott County uploaded photos of all the people they had barred from entering public housing. (Such ban lists, which are widely used in public housing, are controversial because authorities often target people who have never been convicted of a crime.)

Since the cameras began to actively look for banned individuals, they have made only one match, according to Sue Smith, executive director for the Scott County Redevelopment & Housing Authority. It correctly identified a man banned from the property because of a past domestic violence incident involving a resident, an incident that did not result in criminal charges, Smith said. As soon as the match was made, the software sent an alert to housing staff, who asked the man to leave and alerted the county sheriff.

Trusting computer algorithms to determine who or what is suspicious is likely to put marginalized groups at greater risk of wrongful arrest, said Patrick Clark, managing counsel of the legal department at the Office of the Ohio Public Defender. A 2019 study of facial recognition systems found that Asian and African American people were up to 100 times more likely to be misidentified than White men.

"If the information getting spit out by the algorithm is not accurate or not fully accurate, but you have law enforcement or agents of the government acting on a real time basis, it puts people at risk of loss of liberty or worse," said Clark, who was part of a state task force that recommended restrictions on the use of facial recognition by law enforcement.

The cameras in Steubenville and Scott County were made by Verkada, a Silicon Valley start-up whose entry-level package — starting at less than $1,200 for a single camera and a one-year software subscription — comes preloaded with facial recognition.

Earlier this year, surveillance industry researcher IPVM tested a Verkada camera's ability to scan a group of people and identify any matches with a database of faces. About 15 percent of the matches were wrong. When the people were wearing masks or viewed at an angle, Verkada got up to 85 percent of matches wrong.

Brandon Davito, vice president of product at Verkada, said the company's own testing found that its facial recognition system accurately matched more than 99 percent of faces. He said IPVM's test failed to use the most precise setting of its software.

Smith said she believes that if the Scott County system falsely identifies an innocent person, her staff and the police would be able to sort it out before any harm was done.

A 2022 law prohibits police in Virginia from using facial recognition to track "the movements of an identified individual in a public space in real time." But the law only applies to state, local and campus police, so the Scott County housing authority likely is not in violation, said state Sen. Scott A. Surovell (D-Fairfax), who wrote the statute.

Last year, Verkada disabled facial recognition capabilities in its cameras in Illinois and Texas, where companies have recently been charged with violating state laws prohibiting the collection of biometric data without user consent. Davito said that when new customers turn on a Verkada camera, they have to check a box confirming that they are using facial recognition in accordance with local laws before it is

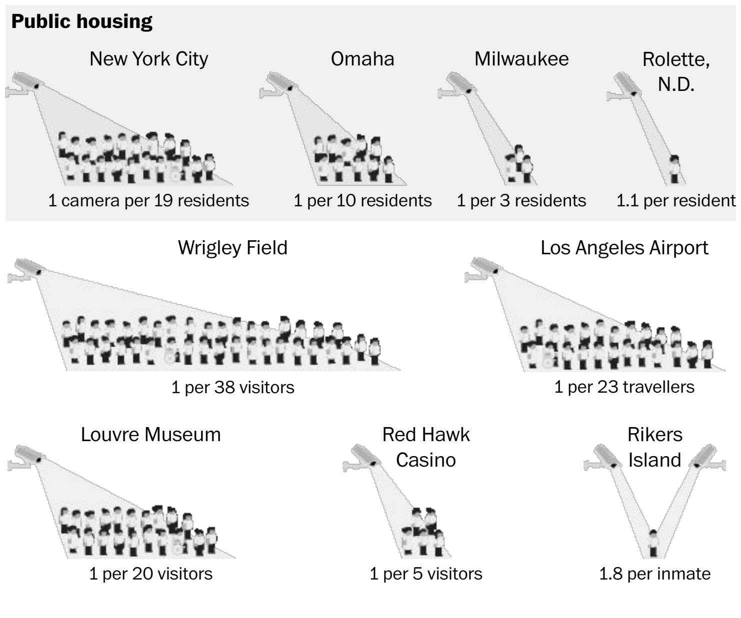


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Deborah Seekins, 68, was evicted from her high-rise apartment in New Bedford, Mass., in 2021, after the housing authority said its cameras repeatedly caught her smoking cigarettes too close to the building and getting into altercations with other tenants, records show.

Public housing residents are subject to outsize surveillance

Number of people per security camera



Source: Post reporting

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Gregory Gonzalez, who lives in public housing in New Bedford, said he keeps to himself and isn't concerned with the surveillance cameras around the property. "They should put more cameras up," he said.



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John Stasiulewicz, head of security for the Jefferson Metropolitan Housing Authority in Steubenville, checks an unlocked window on a property. He said he routinely uses cameras to enforce housing rules.

activated.

In an April 21 public notice, HUD announced a ban on "automated surveillance and facial recognition technology" — terms that the agency did not define. The restriction applies only to future recipients of its security grants and does not limit use of surveillance tools by authorities that have already purchased them, said Blom, the HUD official. The agency is still assessing the need for a broader ban.

The action came four years after a group of Democratic lawmakers led by Sen. Ron Wyden (Ore.) urged HUD to become more proactive in setting limits on surveillance. "There is very little evidence at this point to make a judgment that these systems are making people safer," Wyden said in an interview last month.

In response to the lawmakers, a HUD official said in 2020 that the agency would evaluate how facial recognition was being used in public housing. But Wilkes, the HUD spokeswoman, said the agency has yet to do research.

Cameras, not counseling

The HUD security grants were funded by Congress in 2009 as part of an omnibus appropriations bill. They were intended in part to offset the loss of the agency's Drug Elimination Program, an expansive federal initiative launched in 1989 at the height of the crack cocaine epidemic. The program ended in 2002.

The Drug Elimination Program provided more than $100 million a year for a wide range of social services, such as drug rehabilitation, in addition to security improvements. The current security grants, by contrast, provide just $10 million a year primarily for equipment such as cameras, doors, lighting and smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. HUD also permits housing authorities to allocate some of their annual capital funds for these items.

This shift in federal policy and reduction in funding forced some housing authorities to stop helping residents struggling with addictions and mental health problems, said David Weber, a senior policy analyst at the Public Housing Authorities Directors Association, a D.C.-based trade group.

"How do you address a drug and crime problem when you are having trouble keeping the heat on and the elevators working?" Weber asked.

In some places, public housing officials say cameras have become one of their best tools for addressing the crime and drug problems plaguing their communities.

When the Jefferson Metropolitan Housing Authority applied for its federal security grant in 2019, it said it was desperate to restore order to the chaotic lives of its tenants. Across Steubenville, a former manufacturing hub 40 miles west of Pittsburgh, methamphetamine overdoses were on the rise, two rival gangs were shooting up apartments in turf disputes, and a 15-year-old boy had been killed.

Michael Thomas, a community advocate in Steubenville, said the town's drug and gang activity stems from a lack of investment in local schools, arts, commerce and the kinds of recreational activities that would help young people improve their lives. Because the city offers so little support for people dealing with addiction and mental health issues, many of them end up on the street, he said.

McClurg, a 49-year-old former health-care administrator who fills her office with inspirational quotes from Mother Teresa, said she would like to do more to help tenants, but she doesn't have the funds for new services. It pains her to evict tenants, she said, but she can't let them bring drugs into the community and pose a danger to other residents.

"Number one, we are a landlord," McClurg said.

At the news conference announcing the $250,000 HUD grant that financed the new surveillance system, county prosecutor Jane Hanlin told the Daily Herald newspaper that it would help improve public safety.

"It will work as a crime deterrent and a crime solver," she said, "so there's no down side."

Some public housing residents have seen the downside of living under surveillance. Acabou, the single mother in New Bedford, Mass., said her landlord used cameras to systematically scrutinize her life and pressure her to leave.

In 2021, the housing authority gave her lawyer a thumb drive filled with hours of surveillance video — scenes of her ex-husband providing parenting and support to their two kids. She struck a deal with the housing authority to voluntarily leave public housing to avoid having a formal eviction on her record. Her new apartment is smaller and more expensive.

For others, the consequences of increased surveillance have been more severe.

Deborah Seekins was evicted from her high-rise apartment in New Bedford in 2021, after the housing authority said its cameras repeatedly caught her smoking cigarettes too close to the building and getting into altercations with other tenants, court records show.

Seekins, 68, now sleeps in her sister's basement. She is trying to find a place of her own and recently had an application for a new apartment accepted. But then the landlord called public housing for a reference check, and Seekins was told the offer had been rescinded.

"I don't know what's going to happen now," she said.

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About this story

The Post contacted more than 85 public housing authorities that had accepted a HUD Emergency Safety and Security Grant in fiscal years 2021 and 2022 and had indicated they planned to spend those funds on cameras. Agencies were asked to identify the make and model of the cameras they purchased, whether those tools were equipped with facial recognition and whether they planned to use facial recognition or any other video analytics tools.

Of the 60 agencies that responded, 40 confirmed that they had already purchased cameras. Of those, 10 said they had facial recognition and five said they planned to use it. One additional agency awarded a HUD grant in 2019, Jefferson Metropolitan Housing Authority, also confirmed that it purchased facial recognition tools and planned to use them.

Additionally, The Post asked some housing authorities for their total numbers of residents and cameras and divided those numbers to see how many residents are typically watched by each camera. Of the 27 agencies that shared these figures, the average ratio was 1 camera to every 14 residents.

Chart data does not take into account the size of spaces under surveillance, which usually factors into the number of cameras necessary, security experts said.



"You can't treat us all like we're just gang bangers," said Miracle Wilson, 28, pictured with her son. Wilson was evicted from Steubenville public housing in 2021.



Death at the rodeo, and a mother's dilemma



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Amanda Paquette hugs her 7-year-old son, Preston Malvoisin, at the March 4 Rafter K Rodeo in King, N.C., about 15 miles north of Winston-Salem. She wants to let Preston pursue his new hobby of calf riding and learn the grit of a cowboy, but she also aches to protect him. "It's heart-wrenching," she said, "but I don't want to put him in a bubble."

Seeing a boy trampled, she had to decide if her own son would ride

BY JONATHAN EDWARDS

KING, N.C. — Amanda Paquette watched and worried as the cowboys lowered her 7-year-old son onto a roughly 600-pound bull calf that, in a few seconds, would bolt out of the chute and wildly flail in an effort to buck him off.

Filming through the metal bars of the rodeo fencing, Paquette didn't know whether she was about to record her son's first qualifying ride — a feat accomplished if he could hang on for six seconds — or a tragedy that would haunt her. Weeks earlier, a 14-year-old had been trampled to death just a few feet away.

Racked by anxiety, Paquette was sweating. Her hands were shaking. Her stomach was a mess.

Then, the chute gate opened.

Five weeks earlier, Paquette had watched her son, Preston Malvoisin, take his first ride at the amateur Rafter K Rodeo in King, about 15 miles north of Winston-Salem. Minutes after that inaugural effort on Jan. 28, Paquette, Preston and hundreds of other rodeo fans watched as 14-year-old Denim Bradshaw was fatally injured during a bull ride that was also his first.

For Paquette and her family, it was a brutal introduction to a sport in which broken bones and other serious injuries are a regular occurrence. She had held her breath. She had prayed for God to save the boy's life. She had wanted to look away but couldn't help but watch, hoping to see a miracle.

It never came.

Denim's death made real to Paquette her dilemma: She wants to let her son pursue his new hobby, become a part of the tightknit rodeo community and learn the self-sufficiency and grit of a cowboy. But she also aches to protect him from its brutality.

"It's heart-wrenching," she said, "but I don't want to put him in a bubble. You have to let them enjoy life."

First ride, last ride

Paquette's family is new to cattle country. In 2021, they moved from Naples, Fla., to escape "the concrete jungle" for clean air and open space.

Paquette and her mother, Dana Torkko, found a place in Independence, Va., on nearly seven acres of land, less than a mile from North Carolina. Now, instead of playing video games like he did in Florida, Preston goes outside — along with his 11-year-old sister, Nevaeh Paquette, and their 2-year-old brother, Maverick Malvoisin — to toss the football, shoot hoops or chase the family dogs.

That's fine by Preston. He was ready to "try new stuff."

Some days, that means feeding chickens, mending fences or picking crops from the family's 3,000-square-foot vegetable garden. In the fall, he helped butcher the two hogs the family raised, Pork and Chop, and slaughtered 16 chickens.

He's also chasing after his new pursuit — riding at the rodeo.

Preston, a first-grader who stands 4-foot-7 and weighs 75 pounds, got into the scene through his grandmother. One of Torkko's co-workers mentioned that her 6-year-old son did mutton busting, which involves small children riding sheep like a bull rider. She invited Torkko's family to check it out.

The next month, they watched the boy compete in the Rafter K Rodeo.

Preston was hooked. He wanted to ride.

"It was cool," he said. "It was fun."

On Jan. 28, Preston got his first opportunity. Because of his age, he rode a bull calf that weighed about 600 pounds. It was a short affair. He stayed on for one second before the calf threw him to the dirt. Soon after his ride, the rodeo moved on to the main event for the older participants — bull riding.

Despite his inexperience, 110-pound Denim Bradshaw was paired with a bull that Paquette estimated was about twice the size of the calf that Preston rode. When the chute opened, it bucked twice, tossing him off. A video of the event shows that Denim landed under the bull, which stomped squarely on his chest. He scrambled to his feet and stumbled a couple of steps before he "just dropped lifeless" into the dirt, Paquette said.

Cowboys and rodeo fans tried to save him, but Paquette said he had turned blue long before the ambulance arrived. When paramedics reached Denim, he was unconscious and gray. They couldn't find a pulse.



SHANNON BOWMAN

Denim Bradshaw, 14, gives a thumbs-up on Jan. 27, the day before he was trampled during his first bull ride and died.

Denim died that night.

For Paquette, the tragedy crystallized the bare truth of the rodeo.

"Anything can go wrong at any time," she said.

A way of life

The rodeo is part of life in this corner of Appalachia — "the way people do things," Paquette said. Participating has helped her family assimilate into their new community. The rodeo exposes Preston to male role models, something Paquette thinks is important for a boy being raised by a single mother. Eddie Queen, his grandmother's boyfriend, is the most prominent man in Preston's life, but as a long-haul truck driver, he's often away.

In the rodeo, Preston has befriended cowboys, mentors who can teach him how to tie his rope, how to improve his grip and how to move on the calf to give him the best chance of staying on for six seconds — the minimum time to get a score from the judges in the calf-riding event. They taught him the proper way to tie laces around his boots so they don't fly off when the bull calf launches him into the air. They showed him how to address adults with a "Yes, ma'am" or a "No, sir." And when he's on the verge of tears, they tell him the rules of rodeo: No crying in the arena.

"They jump right in and take him under their wing," Paquette said. "Who else is going to teach them how to be a man? I can't. I'm a lady."

To let her son reap the rewards of riding, Paquette must fight the instinct to protect him from its dangers.

In late January, emergency personnel were already on the scene examining another injured rider when Denim was trampled, according to a King Fire Department incident report. That other rider had also gotten stomped, smashing one of his knees, Paquette said. In the weeks that followed, a rider broke his arm, or at least hurt it seriously, and another got kicked in the lower stomach, causing an injury to his intestine, she said.

Rafter K Rodeo did not respond to multiple requests from The Washington Post for comment about what happened to Denim the night that he died, the injuries other riders were said to have sustained or whether it had implemented new safety protocols.

On the night Denim died, Paquette decided to prohibit her son from riding again, to protect him at all costs. That's what she told her friends in the parking lot after they left the rodeo arena and, stunned, tried to make sense of what had happened. On the car ride home, one of Denim's family members posted on social media confirming that the boy had died. Riding shotgun as Queen drove, Paquette turned the radio down to break the news to the kids.

Preston stayed in his mother's bed that night and fell asleep long before she did. Paquette was certain it would be his last night at the rodeo. "I remember looking at him and just thanking God, that he just protected him for me," she said, choking up. "And I said, 'He's not going to do this again.' "

But the next morning, as he was getting ready for church, Preston told her that, although he was sad Denim had died, he wanted to keep riding, she said.

Preston had played on his church's basketball team one season right after they moved. He did flag football in the fall. Although he enjoyed both, the practices, led by exhausted fathers just getting off work, were unorganized, Paquette said. No one was really teaching him anything.

"It was more just a bunch of kids were showing up on the field and just playing around," she said.

It didn't feel like that at the rodeo, where bull-riding teenagers and retired professionals were excited to teach the sport to a newcomer like Preston.

So Paquette's resolve softened in the days after Denim's death. She figured that if Preston really wanted to ride, he would find a way to do it anyway, even if it took a few years. By letting him ride, she could make sure he practiced, had the right gear and minded safety precautions.

"I will stand by him," she said. "I want him to do whatever his heart desires."

On the following Saturday, Rafter K canceled its rodeo in honor of Denim.

When it resumed on Feb. 11, Paquette signed up Preston to ride.

Denim's law

Shannon Bowman had watched as her son Denim's first bull ride turned from excitement to horror in an instant.

Denim, the youngest of four children, liked to sleep in and to ride dirt bikes, and for years, he had wanted to ride in the rodeo, Bowman said. And when he ventured into the world of bull riding, he fell in love with it all: the boots, the cowboy hats, "those big belt buckles."

In the weeks since his death, Bowman has worked with her oldest child, 26-year-old daughter Persephone Bowman, on legislation known as Denim's Law that would require more safety measures at amateur rodeos.

One of the provisions they are pushing would require that all minors riding bulls have six months to a year of training, which a rodeo outfit would need to verify, Persephone Bowman said. Others include mandating that a rider's experience match the bucking power of the animal, that rodeo staff weigh all animals the day of competition, and that EMTs and an ambulance are onsite and outfitted with proper medical equipment.

And, Persephone added, government officials should perform regular inspections to ensure that rodeos are complying.

Matt Fleishman, a personal injury lawyer in Charlotte, said there's little regulation for rodeos in North Carolina. State law absolves rodeo outfits and other "farm animal activity sponsors" from liability "for an injury to or the death of a participant resulting from the inherent risks of farm animal activities."

Once a rodeo rider or their legal guardian signs a waiver acknowledging that what they're about to do is inherently dangerous — which Rafter K Rodeo requires — "it's an assumption of risk," Fleishman said, "and the government isn't going to get involved in you making that decision."

"You take your chances," he said, adding that when it comes to regulation, "you're somewhat in the Wild West with these rodeos."

Shannon Bowman said Denim's Law is not meant to break the rodeo so much as rein it in a bit.

"I don't want to shut the rodeo down," she said, adding that, even now, she would probably let Denim ride again if he were alive and the right safety measures were in place. "We just want our children to be safer."

Preston's ride

Paquette said that, aside from the training mandate, she agrees with all those requirements and wishes they were in place now to protect her son. But she's not waiting for them and has let Preston participate in five rodeos since Denim's death.

On his first ride, Preston stayed on for one second. He hung on for two seconds in subsequent attempts and, on Feb. 25, rode for four.

"He's getting a lot better," his mom said. "It builds confidence."

Paquette tried to build more of it leading up to Preston's ride on March 4. Around 1 p.m., she grabbed an Amazon package off the kitchen table and gave it to her son — a surprise gift. He ripped open the plastic. Inside: black leather chaps with dark green fringe.

As Preston stood in front of the couch and watched "Paw Patrol," Paquette knelt at his feet. She tied the new chaps around his waist and spent several minutes adjusting various straps. Then, she prodded him, flashing a smile: "What do you say?"

"Thaaank yooou," he replied, drawing out the words.

"You're more than welcome," she responded. "You're working hard for it."

After taking a quick nap, Preston got to practicing. Straddling the arm of the living room couch, he pretended to ride a calf as he held his right arm up and flashed a smile with a few front teeth missing.

Soon after, one of his family members asked what he was going to achieve later that evening.

He had his answer ready: "A qualified ride."

Hundreds of spectators had already packed the stands by the time Paquette and her family arrived at the arena. The emcee hyped the crowd, pumping music so loud it vibrated the metal fencing that formed the rodeo corral.

For Paquette, the next hour was a scramble. She shepherded Preston past the livestock to an office in the back, where she registered him with the Rafter K folks. Later, they returned to draw a number that determined the calf he would ride — No. 13, the same animal he rode the night Denim died and the only one that makes him "very scared."

Before any ride, Paquette said, she makes sure to buckle and secure Preston's helmet — the kind hockey players wear with a metal face mask added. She grabs the mask so she can look him in the eye and ask whether he's sure he wants to ride. Because, if there's any doubt, there's no point.

At 7:47 p.m., it was Preston's turn. All of the other calf riders had gone, none of them staying on long enough.

"Now, the final calf rider, looking for that first qualified ride!" the emcee announced.

Paquette hooted and hollered, just a few feet away but at that point powerless to stop things if they went wrong. Preston nodded to the cowboys helping him in the chute. He was ready.

The chute gate swung open.

"Our last and final calf rider!" the emcee bellowed.

The calf shot straight out into the arena, bucking nonstop. Preston made it to the fourth jolt before rolling off the calf's right side and tumbling to the dirt. Preston got up slowly and gingerly walked away.

He didn't make it to six seconds, instead clocking a no-score, non-qualifying ride. Not what he'd hoped for. And not what Paquette had hoped for either, but also not what she dreaded. She went to her boy, unsnapped and removed his helmet, and the two headed back to the area that the family had staked out in the bleachers.

There were two more rodeos to close out the season; Preston rode in one of them. Once more, he was lowered onto an animal eight times his size. Again, his mother looked on from a few feet away, wondering where her son would land. Although he didn't get a qualified ride, he escaped unscathed.

If Paquette had her way, Preston would play a sport like baseball. Though she could spare herself the agony by banning her son from riding, she won't. Next season on Saturdays, in their new town, with their new community, she'll be at the American Legion Post 290's rodeo arena, making sure Preston has everything he needs and then watching him when he's out of reach. She'll endure the sweaty brow, the shaky hands and the ever-growing anxiety.

So he can ride. So he can learn a cowboy's grit. So he can be a part of something bigger than himself.





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LEFT: Paquette, in gray, and Preston, in cowboy hat, wait with family and friends to cross to a diner in Hillsville, Va. RIGHT: Nevaeh Paquette, 11, left, and Maverick Malvoisin, 2, look on as their mother and a friend shake a bucking barrel as Preston tries to stay on.

How Garland's release of Trump-Russia probe report differed from Barr's

BY DEVLIN BARRETT AND PERRY STEIN

Attorney General Merrick Garland's handling of special counsel John Durham's report Monday differed starkly from that of his predecessor, William P. Barr, who was criticized in 2019 by former federal law enforcement officials and Democrats for his handling of a final report from then-special counsel Robert S. Mueller III.

The long-awaited report from Durham moved far faster from Garland's desk to Congress — and the public — than Mueller's report did four years earlier.

At the time, officials said the delay was because redactions had to be made to Mueller's 448-page report, largely to remove information about ongoing investigations or prosecutions. The 306-page Durham report was written differently, as an unclassified document with a 29-page classified appendix that has not been made public. And there are no known ongoing investigations from Durham's work.

A former U.S. attorney from Connecticut, Durham was asked to examine whether anyone at the FBI violated laws while investigating the 2016 Trump campaign — essentially an investigation of the probe that Mueller inherited in 2017.

Durham's conclusions did not break any major new ground, mostly taking an even harsher view of law enforcement conduct that the Justice Department inspector general had strongly criticized in 2019.

Nor did Durham's investigation find sizable criminal culpability. The two cases he brought to trial ended in acquittals. One former FBI lawyer agreed to plead guilty to a charge that carried no jail time.

The end of Durham's special counsel assignment — almost four years to the day after he was appointed by Barr — drew immediate comparisons to the fractious finale of Mueller's work.

After receiving Mueller's report in the spring of 2019, Barr issued a brief memo describing its principal conclusions, but it took weeks for the bulk of Mueller's actual findings to become public. In the meantime, President Donald Trump publicly declared victory, Mueller privately complained to Barr that his memo lacked context, and when the Mueller report was finally released and Mueller's complaints became known, Barr faced a fresh round of criticism for his handling of the issue.

Garland received the Durham report on Friday and sent it to congressional leaders on Monday, shortly before the entire document was shared with reporters and posted online. He did not offer his own analysis or summary.

"The difference in the rollout was stark," said Mary McCord, who served as acting assistant attorney general for national security during President Barack Obama's administration and headed the department for the first several months of the Trump presidency. "Garland did what he said he would do when he maintained the special counsel appointment of Durham. He let him continue his work independent of the department."

By contrast, she said, Barr's memo "was a deceit on the American people."

Anthony Coley, a former Justice Department spokesman for Garland, said the attorney general "played it by the book — minimum redactions, quick release of the total report — and left the public to draw its own conclusion. That's how it should be done."

Garland faced a challenge of "landing Barr's plane — this politically motivated investigation that was meant to appease a sitting president — and to do so in a way that didn't further politicize the department," Coley said.

Barr did not immediately return a call seeking comment. A Justice Department spokeswoman declined to comment.

While Democrats were quick to dismiss the Durham report, noting the lack of new revelations, Republicans seized on it in an effort to make the case for additional disclosures about FBI investigations related to President Biden's family.

Sen. Charles E. Grassley (R-Iowa) said in a written statement that the report "validates the concerns I've raised since we first learned of the bogus investigation in 2017. The FBI allowed itself to be hijacked and weaponized by political actors to target a political rival during a presidential election and administration. Restoring its integrity, if that's even possible, will take humility, transparency and accountability."

The FBI said in a statement that it had already implemented "dozens of corrective actions, which have now been in place for some time. Had those reforms been in place in 2016, the missteps identified in the report could have been prevented. This report reinforces the importance of ensuring the FBI continues to do its work with the rigor, objectivity, and professionalism the American people deserve and rightly expect."

Frank Figliuzzi, a former FBI assistant director for counterintelligence, called the Durham investigation a failure, but said he expects Republicans to use snippets of the report to claim victory and portray the FBI negatively.

"If the goal was those multiple indictments, he failed miserably," Figliuzzi said, alluding to past predictions by Trump that the probe would uncover significant crimes. "The consolation seems to be sound bites in a political product for Fox News."

Partisan fights over how the Justice Department investigates politicians are nothing new. But the stakes have grown significantly in recent years, as prosecutors and agents have conducted high-profile inquiries into presidential candidates, from Hillary Clinton to Trump to Biden.

In 2019, Barr revealed that Mueller did not find a conspiracy between the Trump campaign and Russian officials seeking to interfere with the 2016 presidential election. Barr also said that Mueller had not reached a conclusion about whether Trump had tried to obstruct justice, but that Barr reviewed the evidence and determined it was insufficient to support such a charge. That determination, in particular, rankled Democrats, who viewed it as prejudging a question that Mueller may have meant for Congress to consider.

Days after Barr's memo was released, Mueller wrote to the attorney general, complaining that the memo "did not fully capture the context, nature, and substance" of his team's work.

The letter urged Barr to quickly release the 448-page report's introductions and executive summaries, and made initial suggested redactions for doing so.

Republican lawmakers are seeking to have Durham testify about his findings, perhaps next week. So far, there does not seem to be the kind of tension that marked the previous special counsel report.

In a letter sent to Garland on Friday along with the report, Durham thanked the attorney general for "permitting our inquiry to proceed independently."

DIGEST

MASSACHUSETTS

U.S. attorney to quit following IG probe

Massachusetts U.S. Attorney Rachael Rollins will resign following a months-long investigation by the Justice Department's inspector general into her appearance at a political fundraiser and other potential ethics issues, her attorney said Tuesday.

The Justice Department's watchdog has yet to release its report detailing the findings of its investigation, but an attorney for Rollins said she will be submitting a letter of resignation to President Biden by close of business Friday. The resignation of a U.S. attorney amid ethics concerns is exceedingly rare.

Rollins was a controversial pick to be Massachusetts's top federal law enforcer and twice needed Vice President Harris to break a tie for her nomination to move forward in the Senate amid fierce opposition from Republicans, who painted her as a radical.

The Associated Press reported in November that the inspector general's office had opened an investigation into Rollins over her appearance last year at a home in Andover, Mass., for a Democratic National Committee fundraiser featuring first lady Jill Biden.

People familiar with the investigation said at the time that the probe had expanded to include Rollins's use of her personal cellphone to conduct Justice Department business and a trip she took to California that was paid for by an outside group.

—Associated Press

MISSOURI

Girl who recorded slurs by teacher suspended

Mary Walton thought her teacher repeatedly saying a racist slur in class last week was wrong, so the 15-year-old sophomore at Glendale High School in Springfield, Mo., pulled out her phone and started filming, the student's lawyer said.

She recorded him saying the n-word twice before he appeared to notice what she was doing.

"Put your phone away," he told her, according to video reviewed by The Washington Post.

"No," Mary said.

"Then go to the office," he responded.

Days later, she was suspended for making the 55-second video, according to her lawyer. Mary and her mother, Kate Welborn, 44, are challenging the punishment and demanding that the district apologize. Mary's lawyer, Natalie Hull, said that the sophomore was essentially acting as a whistleblower by collecting evidence of an authority figure's wrongdoing and that punishing her will have a "chilling effect" on students inclined to do so in the future.

Officials maintain that, although the teacher's actions were inexcusable, students are prohibited from recording in class without prior approval.

On Monday, Principal Josh Groves announced that the teacher, who was initially placed on administrative leave, is no longer employed by the district. He has not been publicly identified.

—Jonathan Edwards



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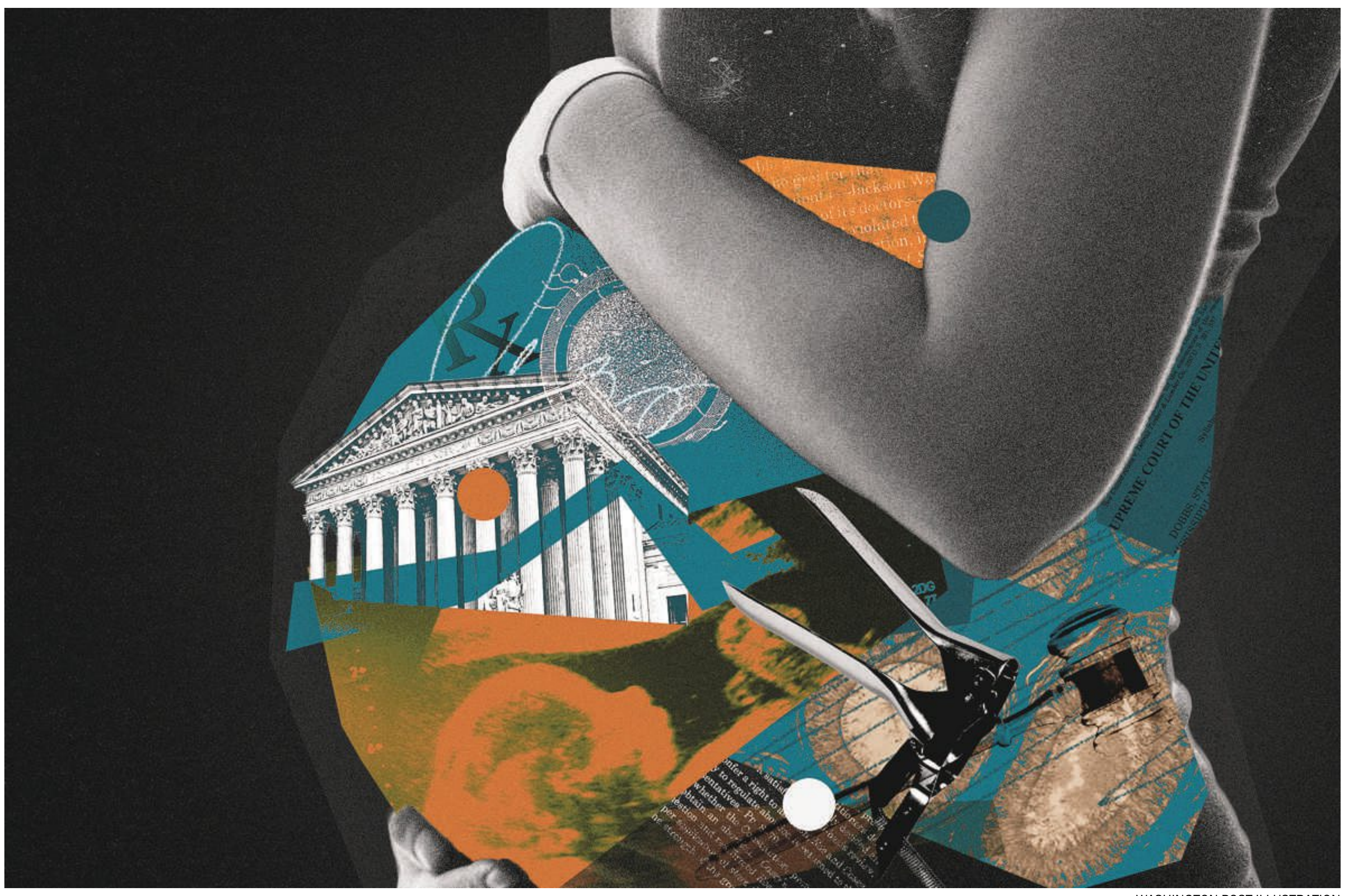
Garlens Georges, 18, helps Dayan Rojas, 19, with his tie as they try on prom wear Tuesday at Lindsey Hopkins Technical College in Miami. Project UP-START provides students in economic need in Miami-Dade County with the opportunity to choose prom wear for upcoming events in May at no charge.



Abortion laws triggered dozens of health complications, researchers find

Report aims to assess impact on health care from post-Roe state bans

BY CAROLINE KITCHENER



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A new report has identified dozens of examples in which medical providers say pregnant patients received care in the past year that deviated from care they would have received before the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* — a sign, researchers said, of a pattern of serious health complications triggered by abortion bans.

While no nationwide data has yet emerged to show the extent of these complications, the report, released Tuesday by researchers at the University of California at San Francisco and shared with The Washington Post, offers a first-of-its-kind summary of anonymized examples from medical providers across the country.

The two research groups that conducted the report — UCSF's Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health and the Texas Policy Evaluation Project at the University of Texas at Austin — support abortion rights.

Individual cases of health complications related to abortion bans have emerged since the June ruling, including stories of women turned away from hospitals with life-threatening pregnancy conditions as doctors and hospital administrators feared the legal risk that could come with terminating even a pregnancy that could jeopardize the mother's well-being. But the new report, which listed 50 examples shared by providers who chose to participate in a national survey, represented an effort to capture a more expansive picture of how health care has been affected by abortion bans.

Patients "are being harmed in significant ways because care is being denied or delayed," said Daniel Grossman, a professor at UCSF and the lead author of the report. "These laws are having a broader impact beyond people who are seeking abortion because they have an undesired pregnancy."

The findings include examples of one patient who developed a severe infection after she was sent home from the hospital, leaving her in critical condition — and another who could not obtain an abortion for a Caesarean scar ectopic pregnancy, a life-threatening condition in which a pregnancy implants in the scar of a prior Caesarean section.

The medical exceptions to protect the life of the mother that are included in abortion bans are often described in vague language, Grossman said, creating uncertainty among medical providers who say the laws do not clearly allow them to terminate pregnancies for patients with serious health risks.

Antiabortion lawmakers who drafted existing abortion bans say the language in the laws permits doctors to intervene in a wide range of medical emergencies, with some claiming that doctors are willfully misinterpreting the medical exceptions to make a political point.

"In situations where a doctor is acting in good faith, I believe they can act in that moment," said former Florida state senator Kelli Stargel, who sponsored Florida's 15-week abortion ban. "It's not anyone's intention to have things go to court."

Grossman said the responses to the report showed that many doctors did not feel they could safely perform abortions in high-risk situations. Hospitals, he added, often do not provide any additional guidance for physicians beyond the language in the law, leaving doctors unsure of how to act in any given situation.

"Medicine isn't black and white," said Grossman. "It's not like suddenly you know that a patient is at a very high risk of dying in a certain situation. There's a lot of gray and that risk will slowly change over time."

To collect submissions for the report, Grossman and his team established an online portal that would allow medical providers to submit their experiences anonymously if they chose, Grossman said, which was important because many hospitals have barred medical providers from speaking to the media about policies related to abortion bans. The research team shared the portal through various medical and nursing associations, soliciting submissions from a wide range of medical providers, including doctors, nurse practitioners, midwives and nurses.

The most common type of complication among the respondents was preterm premature rupture of the membranes, or PPROM, a condition in which a woman's water breaks before the fetus can survive on its own, putting the patient at high risk for infection and hemorrhage.

When abortion was legal across the country, doctors in all states would typically offer to induce or perform a surgical procedure to end the pregnancy when faced with a pre-viability PPROM case — which is the standard of care, according to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and an option that many women choose. Especially before the 20-week mark, a fetus is extremely unlikely to survive without any amniotic fluid.

Many doctors have been turning away PPROM patients since *Roe* was overturned, according to the report, no longer offering the option to induce the pregnancy or perform an abortion.

In one case cited in the report, a patient was sent home after her water broke between 16 and 18 weeks of pregnancy in a state where abortion is banned — only to return to the intensive care unit two days later with a severe infection, according to a physician involved in the case.

"The anesthesiologist cries on the phone when discussing the case with me," the physician wrote. "If the patient needs to be intubated, no one thinks she will make it out of the [operating room.]"

After the doctor ultimately decided to terminate the pregnancy, the doctor wrote, the patient asked if she or her doctor could face criminal penalties.

"She asks me: could she or I go to jail for this?" the doctor recounted in their submission. "Or did this count as life threatening yet?"

Republican lawmakers have repeatedly said that medical exceptions in abortion bans clearly cover patients with ectopic pregnancies.

But several clinicians in the report said that patients with Caesarean scar ectopic pregnancies experienced delays in their care because of abortion bans, putting patients at a high risk for hemorrhage, the placenta growing into surrounding organs and rupture of the uterus.

After greenlighting an abortion for a patient with a Caesarean scar ectopic pregnancy, one doctor described a situation in which colleagues who were necessary to safely complete the procedure were unwilling to help, saying they did not feel "legally protected." The physician recommended that the patient travel elsewhere, but the patient did not have the means to leave the state.

The physician said their team continued to monitor the patient, who at the time of the physician's submission was still pregnant, and developing placenta percreta, a life-threatening pregnancy complication that could prompt heavy bleeding or a uterine rupture any moment.

"These laws are having a broader impact beyond people who are seeking abortion because they have an undesired pregnancy."

Daniel Grossman, professor at the University of California at San Francisco and lead author of the report, on state abortion bans

The research also highlighted a number of other pregnancy complications that medical providers said were impacted by the Supreme Court ruling. Patients were unable to terminate pregnancies with fetal anomalies, medical providers said, while others faced delays in obtaining the medication necessary to treat an early miscarriage.

Concerns surrounding abortion bans led doctors to delay or deny several treatments unrelated to abortion, according to the report. In one case, a clinician refused to remove an intrauterine device (IUD) for a patient who was 10 to 12 weeks pregnant, despite the fact that the IUD had partially expelled, increasing the patient's risk of infection or miscarriage.

"The doctor did not feel comfortable removing the IUD because it could cause a miscarriage," wrote one physician consulted on the case. "The context provided was concern over the recent changes in law that create [the] possibility for felony charges for providers causing abortion in our state."

One limitation of the report, Grossman said, is that he and his team were not able to collect enough examples to meaningfully observe changes over time. As more time passes, he added, doctors may become more aware of the types of care they can offer under the new laws — something Grossman and his team plan to continue to measure.

To help with these situations, he said, hospitals in states where abortion is banned could provide a list of conditions that doctors can legally treat — specifying, for example, that providers can legally offer to induce a PPROM pregnancy. Alternatively, he said, Republican lawmakers could offer further laws or amendments to clarify the medical exceptions.

"It may be a first step," Grossman said. "But I don't think any list can ever be comprehensive. There will always be conditions that are not on the list that are dangerous."

Last month in Florida, during debate on a proposed six-week abortion ban, a Democratic lawmaker, Rep. Robin Bartleman, introduced an amendment that would have explicitly allowed doctors to induce or perform an abortion if a woman presents at a hospital with PPROM.

Rep. Jenna Persons-Mulicka (R), who sponsored the six-week ban in the Republican-led legislature, said the medical exception already included in the bill covered that kind of situation, despite stories recounted on the House floor demonstrating that doctors did not feel they could act in a PPROM situation.

The amendment was defeated by a party-line vote of 80-33.

N.C. 12-week ban a 'middle way' to GOP, a bane to others

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abortions once fetal cardiac activity is detected, which is around the sixth week of pregnancy. The Republican governor ordered lawmakers back into session to complete unfinished work, including on legislation restricting abortions. A near-total ban in the state recently failed.

The dynamics underscore the resistance GOP lawmakers are facing over restrictions even within their own party, as Republican hard-liners reluctantly move toward legislation many see as a compromise, after failing to muster enough support for stricter measures.

Until recently, North Carolina's legislature had no hope of passing any kind of abortion ban, subject to Cooper's veto pen. But the dynamic shifted in April, when Republicans gained the votes necessary to override his veto after Rep. Tricia Cotham left the Democratic Party for the Republican Party.

When the 12-week ban initially passed in early May with Cotham's support, Cooper launched an aggressive effort to prevent a veto override, targeting a handful of moderate Republicans, including Cotham, who pledged during their campaigns to oppose further restrictions on abortion.

"If just one Republican in either the House or the Senate keeps a campaign promise to protect women's reproductive health, we can stop this ban," Cooper said at a rally before he vetoed the bill on Saturday, surrounded by a crowd of abortion rights supporters.

Republicans in the legislature say they hope the 12-week ban will become a model for the rest of the country, portraying the bill as a "mainstream" alternative to abortion bans that outlaw abortion earlier in pregnancy. It is the first new abortion ban to pass since the fall of *Roe v. Wade* that does not outlaw all or most abortions, effectively allowing roughly 90 percent of abortions to continue. Major provisions of the bill, such as the 12-week limit on most abortions, will go into effect July 1, with some other restrictions beginning Oct. 1.

The Senate debated the bill for roughly an hour, with Democrats criticizing the proposed restrictions on abortion and Republicans defending the measure. The House debate was also quick, lasting roughly 90 minutes.

"I think this is really in line with what the majority of North Carolinians believe and so I'm not particularly concerned about the backlash," North Carolina state Sen. Amy Galey (R) said in an interview. "It's a reasonable bill for this time."

Republicans have staunchly rejected the characterization of the bill as a "ban," repeatedly interrupting Democrats on the Senate floor who used the term and asking them to rephrase.

"A ban is when you can't do something," Galey said. "'Ban' is a really harsh word."

Democrats insisted the restrictions would have a broader impact on care during pregnancy, arguing patients have been denied lifesaving care in states where abortions have been banned.

"You as lawmakers are betraying your constituents and knowingly putting North Carolinians in danger," state Sen. Gladys A. Robinson (D) said on the Senate floor Tuesday. "This monster abortion ban will lead to substandard care."

North Carolina Democrats have argued fiercely that the legislation would halt abortions long before the 12-week mark, expressing particular concern about a provision that would require patients to have an in-person consultation with a doctor at least 72 hours before an abortion, in addition to the visit required for the abortion itself.



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North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper (D) vetoed the 12-week ban, but the state House and Senate overrode the veto Tuesday.

Cooper flatly rejected the depiction of the 12-week ban as "mainstream."

"This is an abortion ban that dramatically reduces women's health-care freedom," Cooper said in an interview. "They're trying to dress this up as a reasonable 12-week ban. It's not."

The new legislation will establish exceptions for rape and incest through 20 weeks, along with an exception for lethal fetal anomalies through 24 weeks and a general exception for the life of the mother. Unlike many other abortion restrictions, the ban is coupled with tens of millions of dollars in funding for child care, foster care and paid family leave — money that GOP lawmakers said was added to address criticisms from abortion rights advocates that conservatives often seek to ban abortions but fail to support mothers and babies.

The passage of the 12-week abortion ban in North Carolina earlier this month was the culmination of months of highly secretive meetings in the Republican caucus where lawmakers struggled to agree on an abortion ban that could win enough votes to override a veto.

Rather than introducing the proposal as a new bill, as is typical, Republicans instead gutted a different piece of legislation and inserted the 46-page abortion bill, allowing them to circumvent the usual committee process, which can take weeks or months — a move Democrats called fitting for an autocracy.

"I just don't believe this is how democracy should work," House Minority Leader Robert Reives (D) said in a hearing this month. "This affects the rights of one-half of the population of this state."

In the months since *Roe* was overturned, voters have repeatedly demonstrated their strong support for abortion rights, striking down antiabortion amendments even in conservative states such as Kentucky and Kansas. The 2022 midterms, in which a number of Democrats won competitive races after making abortion rights a central issue, were widely viewed as a danger sign for Republicans.

Heading into the 2023 legislative session, North Carolina was in a unique position. With a Republican-led legislature and a Democratic governor, the state needed far more votes than others to pass abortion restrictions.

"We were trying to do something there really wasn't a blueprint for," said one person involved in the discussions. "We're an evenly divided state, so we knew we needed a middle way."

That wasn't the case for Nebraska, where conservative lawmakers and antiabortion advocates were surprised by the source of the opposition. Late last month, a proposed ban earlier in pregnancy failed to pass the legislature, sparking furious conversations among Republicans and antiabortion advocates on the path forward.

Sen. Merv Riepe, a longtime Republican in the technically nonpartisan legislature, abstained from voting to advance a bill banning most abortions after fetal cardiac activity is detected at roughly six weeks — a move one antiabortion advocate called a "shocking betrayal."

Activists and conservative lawmakers quickly regrouped and began charting a path forward to tighten abortion access. Those discussions culminated in an amendment to a bill that would limit access to gender-affirming care from Sen. Ben Hansen, the chair of the Nebraska legislature's health committee. The proposed amendment would ban most abortions at 12 weeks, though it includes exceptions for rape, incest and the life and health of the mother, as well as make changes to the underlying bill restricting care for transgender youth.

Riepe ultimately supported the amendment.

"I'm pleased to get 12 weeks, still I would like to have more protections for physicians," Riepe said. "In this process we've managed to make nobody happy. When neither side is perfectly happy, then you have a pretty good bill." He asked for colleagues to work with him next session to ensure doctors don't face criminal penalties.

Riepe had previously pushed the legislature to get behind a 12-week ban, but his proposal had barred most abortions 12 weeks after an egg is fertilized, which is a longer window than the 12-week gestational limit under consideration, which is measured by the first day of the woman's last menstrual period.

The one-chamber legislature adopted the amendment Tuesday night, and the earliest a final vote on the legislation could be scheduled is Friday, but no decision has been made, according to the speaker's office.

Abortion rights advocates have denounced the new proposed restrictions as well as the effort to tie the ban to a measure limiting gender-affirming care for transgender youth. Meanwhile, antiabortion groups say they're conflicted: They understand the political reality on the ground and want Nebraska to pass the 12-week limit but are frustrated that most abortions would be allowed to continue.

The 12-week ban is "not what we had anticipated or hoped for, even just a few weeks ago — it's the situation that we found ourselves in," said Nate Grasz, the policy director for Nebraska Family Alliance.

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Leaders voice optimism on deal to avert U.S. debt default

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White House Office of Management and Budget Director Shalanda Young and presidential counselor Steve Ricchetti have been appointed to lead the negotiations for the president, while Rep. Garret Graves (R-La.) and McCarthy's staff will lead the negotiations for McCarthy. Congressional Democratic leaders said they approved that arrangement.

"We're going to continue to make progress toward avoiding default," the president said at a White House Jewish American Heritage Month celebration shortly after what he called a "good, productive meeting" with congressional leadership. "There was an overwhelming consensus … that defaulting on the debt is not an option."

Emerging from the White House meeting Tuesday afternoon, McCarthy said: "It is possible to get a deal by the end of the week. It's not that difficult to get to an agreement."

The current phase of negotiations began shortly after the House passed legislation last month that would raise the debt ceiling but also cut federal spending sharply, roll back green-energy programs and impose work requirements for some recipients of benefit programs. Biden had said for months that Congress should raise the debt limit without any policy concessions from the White House, but as the "X-date" deadline for the government to run out of money nears, officials have been talking almost daily since last week.

The positive signals surrounding negotiations Tuesday came amid new pressure on the administration from its left flank not to agree to new work requirements on federal programs, which McCarthy said must be included in a final deal. Democratic Sens. John Fetterman (Pa.) and Elizabeth Warren (Mass.) strongly criticized such proposals and threatened to vote against a deal that included them, potentially imperiling Democratic support for an agreement.

Publicly, Biden administration officials are adamant that they are working with House Republicans on a deal to fund the federal government in the next fiscal year — not to raise the debt ceiling. Privately, however, some Biden aides recognize that the negotiations appear to be in part about the debt limit. Behind the scenes, negotiators are clear that any deal on the budget must resolve the debt ceiling as well. Democratic negotiators also acknowledge that they will have to agree to more spending cuts if they want to secure a longer extension of the debt ceiling increase — an implicit recognition that lawmakers are bartering over the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, an approach Biden has repeatedly disavowed.

"The issue here is principle: If you accept the idea that you can, in essence, be held to blackmail with the debt ceiling, it will be done again and again. Not to be crass, but it's essentially negotiating with terrorists who have taken hostages," said Dean Baker, a liberal economist at the Center for Economic Policy and Research, a left-leaning think tank. "More and more people in progressive circles are becoming concerned with it."

Concerns are mounting among many Democratic lawmakers that Biden could agree to a deal that would impose new work requirements on some federal benefits. McCarthy told reporters Tuesday that he would insist that such requirements be included in any final agreement, after Biden suggested Sunday that he was open to GOP proposals on the matter.

Warren, the Massachusetts Democrat, told reporters that the idea of imposing work requirements on food stamps, as some Republicans have proposed, is "despicable" and that the White House should not give in to GOP demands to do so.

"I cannot support a deal that is only about hurting people," the senator said. "If the Republicans are really serious about lowering the amount of the national debt, then, by golly, let's bring in some revenues."

Fetterman said in a statement that he "cannot in good conscience support a debt ceiling proposal that pushes people into poverty."

The debt limit is the maximum amount the federal government can borrow under the law, currently about $31 trillion. That limit must be raised by as soon as June 1 to avoid a potential economic catastrophe, Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen warned lawmakers again on Monday.



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House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) addresses the media outside the White House after Tuesday's talks on the debt ceiling.

White House officials on Tuesday said Biden would cut short his upcoming foreign trip because of the ongoing negotiations. The president is scheduled to leave Wednesday morning to attend the Group of Seven meeting in Hiroshima, Japan. He was then slated to travel to Papua New Guinea and Australia, but that portion of the trip has been canceled.

The emerging deal could extend the debt ceiling by two years — crucially, past the 2024 presidential election — in a victory for the Biden administration, while also potentially setting the government's total spending through then. In exchange for avoiding the economic instability of a default, the White House would agree at least in part to GOP demands to set new limits on spending while rescinding unused pandemic funding and, potentially, approving a permitting deal to encourage energy production.

If any spending cuts in a final deal are not too dramatic, the administration could explain that it was always going to have to compromise on spending in an era of divided government and that the timing of the debt ceiling increase was largely coincidental.

The president also seemed to emphasize the need for compromise.

"Congressional Republicans have not been willing to discuss raising revenues, but policy differences between the parties should not stop Congress from avoiding default," Biden said.

The White House has made clear that it has some red lines in the talks despite the threats to the debt limit, ruling out a deal that would pare back Biden's Inflation Reduction Act or cut many government programs by more than 20 percent, as House Republicans have sought.

"A key part of this is whether the White House will be able to credibly say the elements that get negotiated are ones that would have been on the table this year anyway," said David Kamin, who served as deputy director of the White House National Economic Council earlier in the Biden administration. "I think the White House is focused on trying not to reward Republicans for irresponsibly using the debt limit as a focal point for negotiations."

"It is possible to get a deal by the end of the week. It's not that difficult to get to an agreement."

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.)

The emerging deal may also involve a two-step plan floated by House Republicans for speeding up the nation's permitting process for energy projects, according to a person familiar with the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe sensitive deliberations.

As a first step, the person said, the deal would change the permitting process under the National Environmental Policy Act, a 1970 law that requires the federal government to analyze the environmental impact of its proposed actions. As a second step, House GOP leaders would agree to pursue separate legislation to address Democrats' top permitting priorities: accelerating the approval of renewable-energy projects and electric transmission lines.

However, many Democrats probably would object to punting their priorities to later negotiations. And some liberal lawmakers have criticized what they see as attempts to undermine the National Environmental Policy Act and other bedrock environmental laws.

Concern is building on the left about a potential agreement, especially as Republicans appear more emboldened on work requirements. Talking to reporters Tuesday, McCarthy said it would be "ludicrous" to fail to reach an agreement and default because of resistance to negotiating on such requirements. Asked in another exchange whether work requirements on certain federal programs were a "red line," the speaker responded, "Yes."

The president's liberal allies in Congress have thus far supported the administration's approach to the debt ceiling, and many are wary of publicly criticizing the administration until a deal becomes public. But that could change as the contours of an agreement come into focus.

Speaking to reporters Tuesday, Sen. Richard J. Durbin (D-Ill.) said work requirements for federal food stamp programs were "ridiculous."

"We have work requirements," Durbin said, adding that if Republicans want "to impose work requirements on disabled people and children," they should say so.

On Monday, Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.) led a group of lawmakers in sending a letter to Biden urging the White House not to accept new work requirements.

Capitol Police also arrested 12 people in the Rotunda on Tuesday afternoon during a demonstration calling on Congress to raise the debt limit without cutting spending on social programs or efforts to fight climate change. The protesters sat on a banner that read "OUR LIVES ARE NOT NEGOTIABLE."

Ahead of the meeting Tuesday, House Republicans emphasized that they view work requirements as critical.

"Look: You saw the president himself say over this weekend he voted for these work requirements; why would you back away from them today?" said Graves, a top House Republican in the debt ceiling discussions. "I'll say it again: Then-Senator Biden voted for this."

Liberal lawmakers have in prior years called for the White House to resolve the debt ceiling issue by unilateral means, such as by minting a $1 trillion coin or invoking the 14th Amendment to disregard the borrowing cap. Even allies who agree that those measures are risky say that encouraging what the administration sees as GOP "hostage-taking" would be worse, since it gives Republicans an incentive to continue to weaponize the debt ceiling for concessions. While the details of a deal are unclear, liberal allies are also worried about broad cuts to programs that millions of Americans depend on — and are particularly wary of recreating the budget cuts that similar standoffs over the debt ceiling forced during the Obama administration. Many economists believe those cuts slowed the economic recovery after the Great Recession.

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THE WORLD

Grim wounds and resilience: Inside a Ukrainian hospital

At a facility a few hours from the front's worst battles, some soldiers arrive stabilized, others near death

BY KAMILA HRABCHUK AND ALICE MARTINS
IN DNIPRO, UKRAINE

The doctor pushed open the hospital room's door, revealing four beds inside. In each one lay a Ukrainian soldier recently wounded on the front line of the nearly 15-month war with Russia.

Mykhailo, 34, lay on the first bed to the right. It was time to change his bandages. He turned to two visiting journalists, joking through the pain. "I put on nice underpants for you!" he said. Then he winced and grabbed the bar hanging above his head to steady himself.

"Shrapnel injuries of the lower limbs," explained Vadym, the traumatologist who was treating Mykhailo's many injuries. The Washington Post visited the hospital and interviewed patients and staffers this month on the condition they not be identified with full names to maintain security and privacy.

Oksana, a nurse, removed the bloodstained bandages so she could put on fresh ones. "Come on, bunny," she told Mykhailo gently, "lift your leg."

"For me, these bandages are like a second wound," he said, still smiling. Humor, he said, helped him cope with the pain.

A wounded comrade, disturbed by Mykhailo's suffering, stepped out of the room.

Mykhailo had arrived at this hospital in central Ukraine three days earlier, after an attack on his front-line trench in the east. The quick work of military medics had saved him from severe blood loss or amputation.

Doctors had made long cuts in his legs to prevent swelling and to keep his limbs from getting gangrene — which could lead to amputation. He manages the pain in part by avoiding looking at the wounds when his bandages are changed. Looking, he said, makes it worse.

"The wounds are clean and beautiful," said Vadym, the doctor. "It will be possible to sew them up soon."

This patient was lucky. The team that evacuated him from the eastern front to Dnipro treated him on the way. That's not always the case, Vadym said — sometimes the medics who save soldiers under attack on the front do not have time to treat them.

The hospital is a few hours' drive from the bloodiest battles on the front line — meaning some patients arrive already stabilized; others show up near death.

Right now, Vadym said, the wounded arrive 24 hours a day — sometimes 100 of them in a single night — forcing the doctors to decide who needs urgent surgery and who can wait until morning. Once the most severely wounded soldiers are treated, they're moved to hospitals farther from the front to free up beds.

Ukraine does not publish casualty counts. But conditions in hospitals near the front line can often signal how severe the situation is on the battlefield.

Other soldiers in the crowded hospital had similarly gruesome wounds. On one, the team used a magnet to help identify where shrapnel was lodged in his legs. One shard in his pelvis would cause more damage to remove than leave in, they said.

Another soldier received vacuum-assisted closure on his wounds to help them heal faster.

"What you just saw is easy," Oksana said. She has grown used to even more severe injuries, including amputations.

"No one likes it," Vadym said. "But we have to do it."



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FROM TOP: Hospital staff at a ward where wounded soldiers receive treatment in Dnipro. Soldier Mykhailo, 34, grabs the bar above his bed as a nurse and a traumatologist change his bandages and inspect his leg wounds, at left. "For me, these bandages are like a second wound," he said with humor. The doctor assured him his wounds were "clean and beautiful."

DIGEST

MYANMAR

Hundreds feared dead after Cyclone Mocha

Hundreds of people, including Rohingya Muslims, were feared dead after a cyclone struck Myanmar over the weekend, residents and aid groups said Tuesday, with rescue efforts hampered by damage to infrastructure.

Myanmar's impoverished Rakhine state bore the brunt of Cyclone Mocha, during which winds of up to 130 mph ripped roofs off homes and brought a storm surge that inundated the state capital, Sittwe.

The region has a large population of Rohingya Muslims, a persecuted minority that successive Myanmar governments have refused to recognize. More than a million live in sprawling camps in neighboring Bangladesh, having fled military crackdowns in recent years.

Residents of Rakhine state said at least 100 people had been killed and many more were missing and feared dead, adding that aid had yet to arrive.

— Reuters

ECUADOR

Impeachment hearing begins against leader

Ecuador's National Assembly on Tuesday began an impeachment hearing against President Guillermo Lasso, who could be removed from his post, though the process increases the likelihood he will dissolve the legislature to avoid a final vote.

Ninety-two votes from the 137-member assembly are needed to remove Lasso, who opposition politicians say disregarded warnings of embezzlement related to a contract at state-owned oil transportation company Flopec.

Lasso denies the accusation, saying his administration made changes to the contract — which was signed years before he took office — to benefit the state, on advice from Ecuador's comptroller.

The final vote is expected to take place Saturday at the latest.

— Reuters

5 family members sentenced in German jewel heist: A court in the eastern German city of Dresden found five family members of a criminal gang guilty of a $129 million jewelry heist Tuesday and sentenced them to more than four years in prison. It was one of Europe's most notorious and daring jewel heists when members of Berlin's Remmo clan broke into the Grünes Gewölbe (Green Vault) museum at Dresden's Royal Palace in the early hours of Nov. 25, 2019, in a smash-and-grab operation that made off with some of Europe's most valuable jewels. The stolen pieces included a breast star of the Polish Order of the White Eagle, a jewel-encrusted sword and an ornate headpiece. The entire hoard was covered with 4,300 diamonds in total. Authorities fear some of the items will never be recovered. The five men, all in their 20s, were sentenced Tuesday to between four and six years in prison. A sixth defendant and family member was acquitted after providing an alibi.

2 dead in Spain in suspected gender-based incident: Two people, a man and woman, died in an explosion in the town of Orio in northern Spain, the Basque regional security department said Tuesday, and media cited authorities as saying the incident was being investigated as likely gender-based violence. A department spokesperson said the blast took place around 5:30 p.m. in the fishing town of around 6,000 people near the border with France and that there was no indication that any other people had been hurt. The head of the Basque region, Inigo Urkullu, lamented what he described as a "tragic event supposedly caused by gender-based violence," without giving more details. News agency EFE, quoting police sources, reported the preliminary investigation pointed toward a package held by one of the victims being the source of the explosion, which occurred on a sidewalk bench not far from a children's playground.

Chicken loose on subway tracks halts service in Mexico City: Service was temporarily halted on a line of Mexico City's subway system after a chicken got loose on the tracks. Video from the city's Metro system showed the electricity cut off at a station near the city's center Monday. The video showed maintenance personnel and civil defense officers chasing the chicken with brooms, gloves and a trash bag. The chicken eluded several attempts to capture it before one worker tossed his coat over the animal. The Metro system said service was quickly restored. Accidents on the subway have been a recurrent embarrassment for Mexico City Mayor Claudia Sheinbaum, considered the most likely candidate of President Andrés Manuel López Obrador's Morena party to succeed him in the 2024 presidential election.

— From staff and news services

WAR IN UKRAINE

Missiles intercepted as Russia escalates strikes on Kyiv

BY ADAM TAYLOR AND DAVID L. STERN

KYIV, UKRAINE — Ukrainian air defenses intercepted 18 attempted Russian strikes on Kyiv early Tuesday including six hypersonic missiles, military and city authorities said, largely foiling one of Moscow's fiercest attacks so far.

Residents of the Ukrainian capital were jolted awake about 3 a.m. by cascading booms that shook windows, set off car alarms and delivered a new dose of terror in a city mostly spared from direct damage and destruction in recent months.

Falling missile debris injured at least three people in Kyiv and caused damage to the city's zoo and central neighborhoods, city officials said.

The strikes, which could be heard for over 20 minutes in the capital, were among the most intense in months. The assault "was exceptional in its density — the maximum number of missile attacks in the shortest period of time," Serhiy Popko, head of Kyiv's city military administration, wrote on Telegram.

Ukrainian officials said the barrage offered the latest evidence that Ukraine desperately needs stronger aviation capabilities and more powerful, longer-range weapons.

Ukrainian officials claimed a perfect interception rate, and credited Western-donated Patriot air defense systems with thwarting attacks by the most sophisticated Russian weapons, including the hypersonic Kinzhal, or Dagger, which travels at more than five times the speed of sound. Yuriy Ihnat, a spokesman for the Ukrainian air force, said Russia expended millions of dollars in high-end missiles in a failed attempt to hit targets in the Kyiv region.

"The enemy is attempting to achieve its goals," Ihnat said. "Right now it had the goal of striking certain installations in the region of the capital. These could be next to the city, or in the city — we can't know what the enemy had in mind, because we destroyed everything."

Ihnat said the Russians fired from numerous locations. "They attacked with missiles from various bases: air, ground, sea," he said. Russia also attacked the capital overnight with drones, Ihnat and other officials said.



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Debris from a Russian rocket landed inside the Kyiv Zoo early Tuesday; no animals were reported injured. Authorities in Ukraine said it was one of 18 attempted Russian strikes on the capital and that all were intercepted. The assault was among the most intense in months.

Tom Karako, director of the Missile Defense Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington-based think tank, said Russia appeared to have launched a "sophisticated, complex attack in terms of multiple trajectories, multiple missiles."

"The idea is you have ballistics come in one direction, cruise missiles come in another direction, drones another one," Karako said.

Karako supported the assessment that Russia was aiming at high-value targets and not just trying to create a distraction. "If you're firing a Kinzhal, you're not firing for effect," he said.

A U.S. official said a Patriot air defense system — the most advanced in the U.S. arsenal — was damaged in the Russian attack Tuesday. While the extent of the damage was unclear, it is unlikely that Ukraine will need to ship it to another country for repair, the official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov told reporters Tuesday that a Kinzhal missile had hit a Patriot system, which contradicted Ukrainian accounts.

The drone attacks, in particular, seem to be part of an ongoing effort by Moscow to test Ukraine's newly supplied Western air defense systems, perhaps searching for vulnerabilities or aiming to deplete Kyiv's missile stocks ahead of more intense ground fighting that is expected in the coming weeks.

Kelly Grieco, a senior fellow at the Washington-based Stimson Center, said that while the West has been able to address a shortage in missiles in Ukraine's aging Russian-made air defenses by sending its own systems, Western air defense systems also have supply limitations.

"There are simply not many systems and missiles on hand to send to Ukraine, and the defense industry cannot surge fast enough to meet demand," Grieco said, noting that only two Patriot systems have been supplied to Ukraine.

Ukraine's top military commander, Gen. Valery Zaluzhny, wrote Tuesday on Telegram that the drones included both Iranian-made Shahed attack drones and Orlan-10 reconnaissance drones.

"All are destroyed!" Zaluzhny wrote.

Ukraine also intercepted nine Kalibr cruise missiles launched from ships in the Black Sea and three Iskander land-based missiles, the military said. Roughly an hour after air alarms sounded for the first round of attacks, they blared again as Ukraine reported a second round, this time involving unmanned aerial objects.

Debris from the missiles landed in the central Solomyansky district, injuring three and setting a nonresidential building and several cars on fire.

The Kyiv Zoo was also struck by falling debris, though no animals were reported hurt. Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko wrote on Telegram that a fragment of one rocket hit a tree but that the branches were being cleared, and the zoo opened as usual at 10 a.m.

Since Russia resumed near-daily strikes on Kyiv in late April, Ukraine's reinforced air defenses, including the Patriot systems, have spared Kyiv from damage.

That success has created a sense of safety, which may be illusory. On Monday evening, few people in the city's packed bars and restaurants reacted when an air raid alarm sounded about 8 p.m. That alarm ended swiftly, with no reports of an attempted strike.

During a recent interview with The Washington Post, Ukrainian Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov said Russia has stopped trying to destroy Ukrainian infrastructure and is now trying to eliminate its air defense systems. In the interview, Reznikov reiterated Ukraine's urgent need for more firepower. "We need 40 Patriots, 40 IRIS-T, 40 NASAMS," Reznikov said, referring to the U.S.-made system and two other surface-to-air missile systems.

Ukrainian presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak, posting Tuesday on Twitter, criticized Western officials who have asserted that Kyiv "does not need aviation and long-range missiles" — saying that makes it easier for Moscow to "create a nightmare" for Ukraine.

Podolyak did not name anyone specifically, but President Biden personally rebuffed a request for American-made F-16 fighter jets, saying that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky did not need them.

Podolyak, in a text message to The Post, said his words were directed at "those partners who still believe" that transferring such weapons "will lead to escalation." On the contrary, he said, not providing the weapons "leads to an aggravation of the conflict and an increase in deaths."

"Let's be honest," Podolyak said. "Every time Russia demonstratively attacks Ukrainian cities, it sends certain messages to our partners."

He added: "These are ballistic and cruise missiles, attack and reconnaissance drones aimed at peaceful cities of Ukraine and its residents, who at 3 a.m. do not expect a threat."

Alex Horton contributed to this report.

Zelensky secures new weapons commitments on tour of Western Europe

Allies' aid packages come as Ukraine gears up for planned counteroffensive

BY ANNABELLE TIMSIT

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky declared himself "very pleased" as he capped off a whirlwind tour of Western Europe, during which he secured new pledges of weapons, military aid, training and support ahead of a planned counteroffensive.

After meeting with leaders in Italy, Germany, France and Britain, Zelensky said he was returning home Monday with "more new and powerful weapons for the front line, more protection for our people" and "more political support."

The new aid packages include artillery, combat vehicles, missiles, drones and more — but, perhaps equally importantly, commitments for sustained aid over time, even as the conflict risks becoming a war of attrition. "It was important for [Zelensky] to come back with a message that the European support would be there and would continue to grow both in volume and in quality," said Camille Grand, a distinguished policy fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations.

Here is a guide to some of the latest pledges allies have made to Ukraine.



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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, left, and British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak speak near trees planted by Winston Churchill in the garden at Chequers in Aylesbury, England, on Monday — the last stop on his tour to seek support from Western European countries.

Britain

Zelensky arrived in Britain on Monday morning — the last stop on his European tour. He met with Prime Minister Rishi Sunak at his country estate, Chequers, and the government committed to sending Ukraine "hundreds of air defence missiles" and "hundreds of new long-range attack drones" with a range of over 124 miles, among other unmanned aerial systems. It said the new weapons would be delivered to Ukraine in the next few months, "as Ukraine prepares to intensify its resistance to the ongoing Russian invasion."

The government also said it planned to open a school to train Ukrainian pilots "to handle different types of aircraft." Zelensky in his nightly address highlighted this pledge, thanking Britain "for agreeing to train our pilots" and stating his intention to create a coalition of countries willing to help train Ukrainian pilots to fly "modern Western aircraft."

The latest aid announcement came after Defense Secretary Ben Wallace announced the donation of Storm Shadow cruise missiles to Ukraine last week.

Russia said those missiles — which have a range of 155 miles, as well as infrared targeting and stealth capability — were used in recent days to strike the eastern Ukrainian region of Luhansk, which Russia illegally claimed to have annexed. On Monday, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov threatened Britain with "retaliatory actions" for its renewed support of Kyiv.

The decision to deliver Storm Shadows to Ukraine was "potentially a . . . game changer," said Grand, the analyst. The missiles could enable Ukrainian forces to strike Russian logistics hubs deep behind the front line. And, since the missiles were jointly developed by the British and the French, Britain's move "could pave the way" for France to also send the missile — known there as the SCALP-EG — to Ukraine in the future, he added.

France

Zelensky arrived in France on Sunday for his second trip to the country since the war began. He met with President Emmanuel Macron in Paris as the government announced new military commitments, with a focus on training troops and refurbishing existing weapons.

France said that in the next few weeks it would "train and equip several battalions with tens of armored vehicles and light tanks including AMX-10RC." France also pledged to send "new ammunition" to Ukraine and to help repair armored vehicles and guns damaged in the war, Macron said in an interview with French public television station TF1.

Macron said France would also train Ukrainian battalions fighting in the east ahead of the anticipated counteroffensive. And he said that France had "opened the door" to training Ukrainian pilots to use fighter jets — even though France and many other European countries have so far resisted Ukraine's calls to send advanced aircraft. The agreement to train pilots to fly fighter jets "paves the way to the delivery of Western aircraft" at some point in the future, said Grand. Until now, only Poland and Slovakia had sent Ukraine fighter jets.

In the interview, Macron insisted the new pledges were consistent with existing French policy. "France still has the same position — to help Ukraine to resist — and now a lot is at stake, because the success of this counteroffensive will be decisive for the ability to build a lasting peace." He said the training of Ukrainian pilots "can start now."

Germany

Earlier Sunday, Zelensky visited Berlin — the Ukrainian leader's first trip to Germany since the war — where he met with Chancellor Olaf Scholz. Ahead of his visit, the German government unveiled a new package for Ukraine totaling $2.95 billion, which almost doubles Berlin's total commitment since Russia's invasion.

The aid package includes more than 100 combat vehicles, 200 reconnaissance drones, 30 Leopard 1A5 tanks, 20 Marder armored personnel carriers, 18 self-propelled howitzers and, crucially, IRIS-T air defense systems.

The new German aid package is "very substantial," Grand said. Because it includes air defense systems, it could prove "critically important" for Ukraine as the country faces a "protracted campaign of aerial bombing and missile strikes." It is also a "signal that Germany, after being quite hesitant for many, many months, is now full-fledged engaged in the support to Ukraine."

Italy

Zelensky kicked off his trip with a visit to Italy. He met with President Sergio Mattarella and Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni in Rome and later had a private discussion with Pope Francis at the Vatican.

There were no major new military aid announcements on this stop, however. In his nightly address, Zelensky said he had "good talks" with Meloni and thanked Italy "for its help in protecting the lives of our people — from protecting the sky to preparing for the full reconstruction of Ukraine after hostilities."

While Meloni, a far-right politician who became prime minister in October, has been vocal in her support for Ukraine in the face of Russia's invasion, members of her governing coalition are more divided. Domestic politics may have hindered her ability to announce new aid for Ukraine, while Italy's armed forces are also limited by capacity and budget constraints, Grand said. And Meloni announced new military aid in late February during a visit to Kyiv.

Still, Grand said, "as the fourth-largest European power, one would expect Italy to be punching a little bit above their current share of all of this."

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China hopes to make its yuan the new global currency

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Newsan, one of Argentina's biggest home appliance retailers, imports most of its products from China. Until now, it was paying for fridges, TVs and parts in U.S. dollars, the currency of international trade.

But last month, as part of a bid to relieve pressure on Argentina's dollar-strapped economy, Newsan started doing something new: settling deals in Chinese yuan.

"The yuan is becoming increasingly relevant as currency for international trade," said Luis Galli, chief executive of Newsan. "But beggars don't get to choose. This deal was born out of necessity."

Argentina's economy is — again — in crisis. A drought has wiped out key agricultural exports, pushing the economy, already grappling with skyrocketing inflation, to the brink of recession.

With Argentina's supply of U.S. dollars dwindling as a result, the government in April announced it would pay for $1 billion worth of imports from China in yuan — and for $790 million worth of monthly imports thereafter.

It also activated a currency swap agreement, making it possible for companies to borrow yuan from China, Argentina's second-largest trading partner.

The deal was welcome news for Beijing, which has long wanted its currency in wider use and to enjoy some of the power and prestige that the United States enjoys thanks to the dollar's global domination.

It wasn't having much luck — until recently. Suddenly, more customers are willing to settle their bills in Chinese yuan, thanks variously to domestic economic crises, Western sanctions against Russia, China's position as a major lender and growing concerns about being beholden to Washington's policies.

In Buenos Aires, importers have embraced the change. "Everybody is plunging headlong to get their imports in yuan right now," said Rubén Guidoni, a customs broker. "It is incredibly difficult to get those in dollars."



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A bank clerk counts yuan in Beijing in 2016. Beijing has long wanted its currency in wider use and to enjoy some of the power and prestige that the United States has thanks to the dollar's global use.

Importers in Argentina have to submit their orders, almost always denominated in dollars, for the government's approval. But with dollars in short supply, getting approval had become almost impossible, bringing some industries close to a standstill.

But the orders in yuan are quickly getting the green light. Argentine companies are now using the yuan to pay for more than half of the computers, textiles, mobile phones and motorcycle parts that they import from China, said Alejandra Conconi, executive director of the Argentinian-Chinese Chamber of Production, Industry and Commerce.

And for its part, Newsan has been issuing orders in yuan every week.

Brazil's government last month announced companies could settle their trade in yuan. In March, a French firm accepted payment in yuan for 65,000 tons of liquefied natural gas. A few weeks earlier, the yuan became the most-traded currency on the Moscow stock exchange.

None of these are signs the yuan is going to dethrone the dollar any time soon, according to economists inside and outside China. This would require more countries to pay each other in yuan for large amounts of trade that doesn't involve China, which isn't yet happening.

The dollar's widespread use makes it difficult to displace. Because it is widely used, it is easy to exchange, creating more incentive for countries to use it. This network effect encapsulates part of the challenge to adoption of the yuan, which is more expensive and inconvenient partly because there is less of it circulating outside China.

But the recent flurry of settlements in yuan do constitute some progress toward Chinese leader Xi Jinping's vision: with China at the helm of a global economic order that is insulated from the fluctuations of the dollar and Western sanctions.

This effort has taken on fresh urgency amid worsening tensions between Moscow and Washington, and Beijing has watched with concern as the West piles sanctions on Russian firms.

"Beijing is capitalizing on a broader diplomatic push to identify China as the leader of essentially a new nonaligned movement," said Gerard DiPippo, a former U.S. intelligence officer and senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. "A country's willingness to go along with this is part of the broader diplomatic push of political alignment."

"There clearly is a lot more interest ... in looking for alternatives to the dollar payment system because everyone has seen the ways in which this can be weaponized by the United States."

Arthur Kroeber, head of research at Gavekal Dragonomics

So far, it hasn't added up to a dramatic economic shift. The majority of countries that have shown interest in using the yuan are grappling with their own economic distress, like Argentina, or looking to trade with Russia despite sanctions, like Brazil. And though the yuan's share of global trade finance has more than doubled since 2021, it still makes up less than 5 percent.

But even marginal increases in the yuan's international circulation bolster the idea that China's currency could be a bulwark against not only Western sanctions but also the floating dollar, the instability generated by the collapse of multiple U.S. banks and Washington's looming debt ceiling showdown.

"The dominance of the dollar makes the world heavily dependent on the United States," said Xi Junyang, vice director of the Research Center for Modern Finance at the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics. "It makes the Federal Reserve the institution that determines the monetary and financial affairs of the entire world."

Countries that have strong trade ties to Russia, such as Brazil, have viewed reliance on the dollar with wariness in the aftermath of the sanctions. In a speech in Shanghai last month, Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva called on the large and developing economies of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa to ditch the dollar.

The idea has gained momentum since the West leveled an unprecedented battery of sanctions against Russian entities, turning the dollar's ubiquity into a weapon.

"There clearly is a lot more interest, not just from China and Russia but from a lot of other countries, in looking for alternatives to the dollar payment system because everyone has seen the ways in which this can be weaponized by the United States," said Arthur Kroeber, head of research at Gavekal Dragonomics, a China-focused economics consultancy. "Everyone has some degree of concern about what happens if, for whatever reason, the U.S. decides they want to put sanctions on us."

Beijing is already exploiting the vacuum created by Western sanctions on Russia. China's trade with Russia was up 153 percent last month compared with April last year, according to Chinese customs data.

Other countries that want to trade with Russia despite sanctions are increasingly looking at the yuan as an alternative to the dollar.

Last month, Bangladesh announced it would pay $318 million to a recently sanctioned Russian nuclear power developer using the yuan, transferring the money through the international payments network that China developed as an alternative to the more widely used Western network.

The payment has yet to be made, and reports have surfaced that the United States — Bangladesh's largest trading partner — placed further sanctions on companies involved, in a warning to Dhaka against proceeding.

Still, trade settlement is one area where Beijing can slowly push for global use of the yuan. The goal, analysts say, isn't full decoupling from the dollar system as much as boosting the perception that the yuan is as stable and useful as the Japanese yen or the euro.

"As China's trade and investments expands overseas, we should have a level playing field," Yi Gang, the governor of China's central bank, said in April at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. "We respect the choices of enterprises and families; it's great if they use the yuan, and it is also fine if they prefer U.S. dollar, euro, or Japanese yen. ... We want fair competition."

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Biden heads to Japan with eye toward countering Beijing

BY MATT VISER AND TYLER PAGER



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A person walks by the Hiroshima Peace Memorial in Japan on Tuesday. President Biden and other leaders are expected to meet with survivors of the 1945 Hiroshima bombing during the G-7 summit.

TOKYO — President Biden heads to Japan on Wednesday for a wide-ranging trip that marks a renewed push on his part to confront China's growing political, military and economic power, at a time when some experts warn that tensions between the two superpowers have grown dangerously high.

Biden had planned to travel to Australia and Papua New Guinea as well as Japan on a seven-day excursion, but the White House announced Tuesday that it was canceling those legs of the trip so the president could focus on talks with congressional leaders over raising the government's debt limit and avoiding a potentially catastrophic default.

The trip is aimed at bolstering support for Ukraine, combating climate change and tackling global inflation. But more than any other issue, it is meant to counter China, a global superpower that will not be at the meetings but will be very much top of mind.

And it comes as U.S.-China relations show little sign of warming, to the concern of many foreign policy experts.

"No one is especially optimistic about the future of U.S.-China relations," said John Delury, a professor of Chinese studies at Yonsei University in Seoul. "Blame will be apportioned differently, and opinions will diverge over whether U.S.-China tension is desirable, inevitable or avoidable. But most observers in the region will tend to share a pessimistic view of where things are headed."

Administration officials say Biden has made clear that he does not want a new Cold War with China, and that he has pushed to engage with the Chinese in areas where there is mutual interest or where it is crucial to avoid dangerous outcomes. But aides say the success of that effort depends in part on how firmly other countries ally with the United States in taking on Beijing's aggressiveness.

"The best way to establish a constructive relationship with China, in which there is an understanding about the larger framing, is to do that diplomacy within the context of a strong allied and partner engagement," said a senior administration official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to preview the president's trip. "And that's exactly what we're trying to do."

Biden's trip will start Thursday with a summit of the Group of Seven leading economies in Hiroshima, Japan, where on Aug. 6, 1945, the Enola Gay, a U.S. bomber, dropped a uranium-235 bomb that killed an estimated 140,000 people. Biden and other leaders are expected to meet with survivors of that bombing.

After several days of meetings with other G-7 leaders, Biden now plans to return to the United States on Sunday.

John Kirby, a spokesman for the National Security Council, confirmed that Biden would discuss China policy with other world leaders, but he said the president's trip is not about making countries choose between Washington and Beijing. Rather, he said, "countries are coming to their own conclusions about some of the pitfalls" of siding with China.

"We are not going to the Indo-Pacific this week to arm-twist," Kirby said. "We're going to talk to allies, partners, friends and neighbors about mutual challenges and opportunities in the region, and how we can capitalize on each other's capabilities and the strong geographic presence so many of these nations have."

When Biden took office, he sought to take a more assertive posture in the region, including an effort to wrap in smaller countries that had long felt neglected.

The administration last year hosted a U.S.-Pacific islands summit in Washington, bringing leaders together to negotiate new security arrangements.

But as each side pushes to shore up its alliances and expand its influence, some foreign policy experts warn that Washington and Beijing are on a dangerous path.

"The two cannot continue aggravating and goading each other," said Kerry Brown, a professor at King's College London and the author of "The World According to Xi."

"The rest of the world lives like dependents of two warring parents who are determined to rip the house up if they cannot get their own way. This is a very scary situation, and one that needs to be constantly managed and worked against."

Michael O'Hanlon, a foreign affairs specialist at the Brookings Institution, added, "We've got to find a way to tone down the overall rhetoric."

In November, Biden met with Chinese leader Xi Jinping during a Group of 20 summit in Bali, Indonesia, using the decades-long relationship between the two men to try to smooth relations between the two countries. They emerged pledging to work together and deputized their advisers to conduct high-level meetings on a range of topics.

But tensions flared anew in February when a Chinese spy balloon floated over the United States before being shot down off the Atlantic coast. Secretary of State Antony Blinken responded by canceling a trip to Beijing, and despite talk of a phone call between Biden and Xi, none has been scheduled so far.

U.S. and Chinese officials have spoken in recent weeks, including a meeting between Jake Sullivan, Biden's national security adviser, and China's top diplomat Wang Yi. The senior administration official said there is an expectation that Biden and Xi will engage again in coming months.

But the relationship remains tense, and Delury said the possibility of progress that came out of the Biden-Xi meeting six months ago has largely evaporated. "We seem to be out of free-fall and settling into a period of slower yet steady deterioration," he said.

Biden's trip comes ahead of the 2024 campaign, at a time when many Republicans are challenging longtime pillars of U.S. foreign policy, arguing for less American engagement in the world — and in some cases, less confrontation with authoritarians.

"I've rarely seen a foreign policy right now more tethered to domestic political constraints than we have now — on Iran and on China, and even to Ukraine to an extent," said Aaron David Miller, a veteran diplomat and senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "Biden would say the greatest threat the public faces is not Xi or Putin, it's from us. We've seen the enemy and it's us. We have to repair ourselves."

Even as officials look for ways to lower the heat between the two superpowers, conflicts over issues such as Taiwan appear likely to keep flaring up, as China bristles at any U.S. suggestion that the self-governing island is not Chinese territory. In recent months, Russia's invasion of Ukraine has fed concerns that China could similarly move into Taiwan.

"Ukraine today may be East Asia tomorrow," Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has said.

In addition to the G-7 countries, Japan has invited several developing nations to the Hiroshima summit, including Brazil, Vietnam, Indonesia, India, Comoros (which currently holds the African Union presidency) and the Cook Islands (current chair of the Pacific Islands Forum). South Korea and Australia, which are not part of the G-7, were also invited.

At the summit, leaders are expected to focus on concerns about economic coercion on the part of Beijing, but it is not clear whether China will be criticized in a public statement.

"It's up to the leaders," said a senior Japanese government official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to talk candidly.

"Our target is not to get them to explicitly reject a deepening dependence on China," the official said, adding that the leaders would not make such a declaration in any case. "But raising their awareness that overreliance on one country, and using the economy as a diplomatic tool to gain an advantage, these are not a good thing. If these are the messages we can share with Asian countries, it would be a good thing."

Biden has significantly increased his international travel this year, already visiting six countries and with more trips planned. With a deeply divided Congress, it is a moment in his presidency where he can arguably effect more change abroad than he can at home.

Hanging over the trip is the possibility that a different president could be in office after the 2024 election, possibly even Donald Trump, who during his time in the White House was eager to disrupt U.S. alliances and reach out to its rivals.

"The U.S. does have a proactive role in the region, but with an election coming up at the end of next year, all that could change," Brown said. "Ironically, these days the U.S. is the more unpredictable partner. Under Xi Jinping, China has become way more predictable — though often not in an entirely positive or reassuring way."

Pager reported from Washington. Ellen Nakashima contributed to this report.



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As Beijing LGBT Center closes, Taiwan boosts gay rights

By Christian Shepherd and Vic Chiang

A well-known LGBTQ+ advocacy group in Beijing has closed its doors, sending a shiver through China's embattled movement to support and protect sexual minorities.

Almost immediately after the Beijing LGBT Center announced that it was halting operations as a result of "unavoidable" — and unexplained — circumstances, lawmakers in Taiwan passed an amendment allowing same-sex couples to adopt, in the latest recognition of gay rights there.

These two events came in the lead-up to the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, on Wednesday.

For China's LGBTQ+ community, the confluence underscored just how difficult it has become to secure recognition and rights for sexual minorities, even as Taiwan, the self-governed island democracy that Beijing claims as its own, has made strides toward equal rights for couples of various sexual orientations.

"History won't regret your efforts," the Beijing LGBT Center said Monday in a message to its followers on WeChat, the social media app. "We hope that one day we can again lead each other to be proud."

The closure is "another gut punch for China's beleaguered LGBTQ movement," said Darius Longarino, a senior fellow at Yale Law School's Paul Tsai China Center who has written multiple related reports. "While not officially closed, many orgs are inactive or struggling to survive," he wrote on Twitter.

Over 15 years, the center quietly but consistently created a space for the LGBTQ+ community, making it a home for many isolated by the Chinese Communist Party's promotion of traditional gender roles and restrictions on same-sex relationships being portrayed in the public sphere, including on television.

It organized fun runs and other social gatherings, conducted surveys with top universities and connected people within the community to trusted counselors, doctors and business professionals.

The group also campaigned against the persistent, albeit illegal, use of conversion therapy as well as lingering narratives about homosexuality being a mental illness. (China stopped classifying being gay as a disorder only in 2001.)

> *"History won't regret your efforts. We hope that one day we can again lead each other to be proud."*
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> **Beijing LGBT Center,** speaking to its followers on WeChat

"The Beijing LGBT Center has never had much money and only a few staff members," Xin Ying, the group's director, wrote in an article published last week to celebrate the group's 15-year anniversary.

But the work, she continued, "was not just a job, but rather something we put body and soul into until it became an important part of our lives."

The announcement of the closure was shared widely on WeChat and quickly passed 100,000 views, the maximum number logged by the app. "At least it's a lavish funeral," one user commented on the microblog Weibo.

Conservative voices celebrated the move, however, criticizing the group for spreading "Western" ideas that could undermine the Communist Party's control.

That debate intensified Tuesday when Taiwan's legislature changed adoption laws to allow same-sex couples to adopt children unrelated to them, an important focus of local advocates since same-sex marriage was legalized in 2019.

In recent years, inclusiveness for previously marginalized sexual minorities and gender identities has become entwined with Taiwan's human rights and democracy movements, highlighting the growing divergence between the Taiwanese and Chinese societies.

That stark contrast was not lost on Chinese commentators on Weibo. "Now we can only wish Taiwan will be free forever," one user wrote.

Others pointed out the politicized and restrictive environment that civil rights organizations face today in China, where advocacy of all stripes increasingly risks being deemed too political by authorities.

But commentators pointed out that there is no way to fight for equal rights without being political. "The rights for transgender people to access drugs; the right for various sexual orientations to be seen; our rights to just be treated as human beings — all of these are political," one user wrote.

Jailed Saudi dissident, sister sue Twitter under racketeering act in spy case

By Joseph Menn

SAN FRANCISCO — The sister of an imprisoned Saudi dissident filed suit against Twitter on Tuesday, arguing that it broke the law by letting employees reveal his identity to Saudi agents who then arrested him.

The novel case, filed under the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations statute, cites repeated security failures that allowed the informants working for Twitter to send information about thousands of anonymous users to the Saudi regime while royal funds were invested in the company, becoming one of its largest shareholders.

The case was filed in the Northern District of California by U.S. citizen Areej al-Sadhan on her own behalf and that of her brother, Abdulrahman al-Sadhan, who is jailed in Saudi Arabia under a 20-year prison sentence for supporting terrorism and prejudicing public order.

Various Saudi officials and the kingdom itself are also named as defendants in the scheme. They would typically qualify for sovereign immunity under U.S. law. But there is an exception for commercial ventures, which is typically invoked in contract disputes rather than investments.

"Each member of the Saudi Criminal Enterprise participated in a conspiracy to chill anti-authoritarian advocacy by, among other conduct, unlawfully obtaining personal identifying information of political dissidents to identify and target them and kidnapping, torturing, stalking, harassing, threatening, and killing other political dissidents," the lawsuit says. "Twitter became a participant tool of transnational repression to silence voices of dissent beyond Saudi Arabia's borders in the United States and abroad, all in an effort to monetize its commercial relationship with Defendant KSA."

KSA refers to the kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Suing on behalf of someone who can't come to the United States is also unusual. Courts allow a "next friend" to sue when the beneficiary of the claim is incompetent, which in California means that they are unable to help their attorney. The suit suggests that Abdulrahman al-Sadhan is by that definition incompetent because he is imprisoned with virtually no ability to communicate with outsiders.



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Twitter headquarters in San Francisco. The sister of an imprisoned Saudi dissident, Abdulrahman al-Sadhan, says the company let workers reveal his identity to Saudi agents who then arrested him.

Twitter did not respond to a request for comment. The Saudi Embassy in Washington had no immediate comment.

The case builds on the conviction last year of one of the Twitter insiders who took bribes from Saudi intelligence. Ahmad Abouammo, who ran Twitter's media partnerships in the Middle East, took hundreds of thousands of dollars to pass on information about critics of the Saudi rulers. Two others who were indicted fled the country.

Twitter is in a position to protest that it did not approve of the spying and that the insiders went to some lengths to hide their activity.

But al-Sadhan attorney Jim Walden said that the company's failures were so glaring that it could be found liable under the theory of "conscious avoidance of criminality."

In 2015, the suit notes, the FBI warned Twitter that it had a problem with Saudi spying. But top officials including former chief executive Jack Dorsey met with Saudi leaders, and the kingdom increased its stake in the company that year. It is now the second largest investor, after Elon Musk.

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission has brought multiple actions against Twitter for security lapses, and its former head of security told Congress last year that other countries also had spies inside the company, and that executives were still failing to limit and track what employees were doing.

At least two other suits have been brought against Twitter over its role in the Saudi spying. One by Omar Abdulaziz was dismissed when a judge found that he had not established that the alleged leak of his information in 2015 led directly to the country hacking his phone three years later, then imprisoning his family and friends.

Another, by exiled dissident Ali al-Ahmed, was thrown out mainly for being filed in New York instead of the right jurisdiction.

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ECONOMY & BUSINESS

For parents, 529 college savings plan is key to avoiding debt



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As millions of borrowers wait to hear whether the Supreme Court will allow some debt relief from their student loans, their anticipation and anxiety ought to serve as a reminder that covering the cost of college generally comes down to saving as soon — and as often — as possible.

Legal experts expect the high court to rule against the Biden administration's plan to forgive as much as $10,000 in loans for an estimated 43 million borrowers. Pell Grant recipients are eligible for an additional $10,000 in forgiveness.

Even if the plan gets greenlit by the Supreme Court, don't expect future forgiveness on this scale.

This means the cost of college still primarily falls on parents and students. Saving will be the key to avoiding decades of debt.

All three of my 20-something children graduated from college debt-free. My husband and I didn't take out a single loan, neither did our children.

How did we do it without hitting the lottery or the scholarship jackpot?

We started saving early using 529 college savings plans for each child.

Our eldest was 4 when we discovered the advantages of the 529 plan, thanks to our financial planner. We later opened accounts for our two youngest children before they could walk or talk.

"A 529 plan is really good when you can take full advantage of the tax-free growth and most beneficial if you let it grow for a long period of time," said Roger Young, a certified financial planner and thought leadership director for T. Rowe Price.

Here's what you need to know about 529 plans.

What is a 529 plan?

A 529 plan is a designated college savings plan. Earnings are not taxed if the money is used for qualified education expenses like tuition or books.

There are two ways to contribute to a 529 plan.

The prepaid tuition option allows you to lock in the cost of an in-state school. The idea is that you get tomorrow's tuition at today's prices. It's protection against inflation. But be mindful that you'll also need to save for room and board and other education expenses not covered in a prepaid tuition contract.



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Perks of 529 plans

- Flexible plans
- Good nationwide
- 529 Able accounts (benefits children with disabilities)
- Federal and state tax breaks
- Anyone can contribute to account
- Low impact on financial aid
- Grandparent accounts won't impact need-based aid starting in 2024
- Roth IRA rollover opportunity

The second and more popular option is the investment plan. This type of account operates much like a Roth IRA. You contribute to it with after-tax money and select how you want the funds to be invested. For our children, we chose an age-based investment portfolio. With this investment option, the younger the child, the more aggressive the investment options may be. As your child gets closer to attending college, the money is gradually moved to more conservative investments.

You'll need to open an account for each beneficiary. Each account can have only one owner. To compare plans, use the College Savings Plans Network's 529 Comparison Tool. Another good source is savingforcollege.com. Morningstar rates the best 529 plans at morningstar.com/529-plans.

You can also use the money to repay a qualified education loan of as much as $10,000, Young points out.

Do 529 plans impact financial aid?

Under the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), funds in a 529 plan owned by a parent after accounting for protected assets can reduce aid by a small percentage — a maximum of 5.64 percent.

Since a lot of the aid students get is in the form of loans, saving money in a 529 plan outweighs the concern of how it affects the expected family contribution for FAFSA.

"But I don't often hear people say, 'Well, I wish I hadn't put so much money into a 529 plan,'" Young said.

What qualifies as college-related expenses?

Money in a 529 plan can be used to cover tuition and fees, college room and board, and books. You can also use it to pay for supplies, computer technology and equipment.

Do I get a tax break?

Yes.

Money withdrawn from a 529 account is free from federal tax (and, in most cases, from state and local taxes) when used for qualifying college costs. Additionally, many states offer tax deductions for residents who make contributions to a 529 plan. But you don't have to choose your state's plans.

To see whether your state offers a tax deduction, check out the list compiled by Bankrate.com.

What are the cons of a 529 plan?

One of the prevailing issues for would-be savers is that their children won't go to college. But Congress, in passing the recent Secure 2.0 Act, may have addressed this worry.

Starting in 2024, funds leftover in a 529 plan can be transferred to a Roth IRA for the beneficiary. There are some caveats, of course. There's a lifetime limit of $35,000. The beneficiary has to have earned income, and the annual Roth IRA contribution limit also applies, Young pointed out. The plan also must have been open for at least 15 years.

"Hopefully, this gives people a little more comfort that if they overshoot their savings, there's still another way to effectively use that money and not be penalized or taxed," Young said.

Can other family members contribute?

When family members ask what to get your child during the holidays or on their birthdays, give them the gift code for the 529 plan.

Grandparents also can open a 529 account naming your child the beneficiary. Plus, starting next year, FAFSA no longer penalizes students receiving money from a grandparent-owned 529 plan.

Can my child use the funds at an out-of-state school?

There's a common misconception about 529 plans, which is that the student is limited to going to an in-state college. Although the plans are state-sponsored, money invested in them can be used for qualified expenses at any public or private institution, regardless of where you set up the account or where the beneficiary attends school.

However, if you saved for college under a prepaid tuition plan and your child chooses to attend an out-of-state school, the benefits will probably not be as favorable, Young said. For example, you may have to make up any difference in tuition prices.

What happens if my child decides not to go to college?

If you don't end up using the money in a 529 account, you'll have to pay income tax on the earnings when you take the money out. That's on top of a 10 percent penalty on earnings for a nonqualified withdrawal.

Instead of taking a nonqualified withdrawal, you could keep the money invested in the 529 and use it for another child's college costs or to pay for graduate school later for yourself.

IRS audits Black taxpayers more often than other groups, agency confirms

BY JACOB BOGAGE

The Internal Revenue Service audits Black taxpayers at significantly higher rates than other Americans, Commissioner Daniel Werfel told lawmakers Monday, confirming earlier findings by researchers at leading universities and the Treasury Department.

In a letter to the Senate Finance Committee, Werfel said the agency would review audit algorithms for certain anti-poverty tax credits to search for systemic racial bias.

Tax examiners do not know the race of the people they are auditing, but the algorithms the IRS uses to monitor fraud around the earned income tax credit — one of the United States' largest social safety net programs — target filers that make errors on their returns and do not report business income. The result, the researchers found, is that the algorithms are more likely to identify Black taxpayers for audits.

There is no evidence that Black taxpayers perpetrate fraud at a higher rate than any other demographic.

Researchers from Stanford University, the University of Michigan, the University of Chicago and the Treasury Department in January found that the IRS was at least three times as likely to audit Black taxpayers than other demographic groups.

"While there is a need for further research, our initial findings support the conclusion that Black taxpayers may be audited at higher rates than would be expected given their share of the population," Werfel wrote.

The chair of the Finance Committee, Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), also cited audit algorithms as a problem.

"The racial discrimination that has plagued American society for centuries routinely shows up in algorithms that governments and private organizations put in place, even when those algorithms are intended to be race-neutral," he said in a statement. "This bias is completely unacceptable regardless of where it occurs, and we have an obligation to stamp it out."

The IRS will devote "significant resources" to determine the scope of the problem, Werfel wrote.

The algorithmic shortcomings may have been a result of more than a decade of IRS budget cuts, some tax experts have suggested. Between 2010 and 2019, the IRS's annual appropriation from Congress fell by an inflation-adjusted $3 billion.

That led IRS leaders to consolidate resources and prioritize audits that are easy to complete. The IRS in recent years has grown more dependent on correspondence audits, or exams completed almost exclusively by mail. They are relatively inexpensive to conduct, according to the Taxpayer Advocate Service, the IRS's internal watchdog, and produce lucrative results.

But they also mostly fall on taxpayers who can't afford to fight back by spending hours on the phone with the tax agency or hiring lawyers, turning the IRS's prolific enforcement capabilities on the most economically vulnerable taxpayers.

"It's not like it's a conscious choice by the agency. It's a resource-driven constraint," said Natasha Sarin, an assistant professor at Yale Law School and former deputy assistant treasury secretary in the Biden administration. "They couldn't do the other work for more complicated audits."

That doesn't eliminate the possibility, Sarin said, that the IRS's algorithms could have been intentionally designed in ways that harm Black filers.

The study also found a smaller but still statistically significant audit disparity between Black taxpayers and others who do not claim the earned income credit. That suggests there are other biases in the IRS's audit criteria, said Dorothy A. Brown, a professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center.

"There are all kinds of choices that the IRS made that don't necessarily make sense," Brown said. "The fact that Black non-earned income tax credit claimants are more likely to be audited refutes the correspondence audit argument."

Last year's Inflation Reduction Act included $80 billion for the IRS over 10 years to increase its audit rate of high-income individuals and business, and modernize its operations to better serve low- and middle-income taxpayers.

Administration officials in April said the IRS aimed to increase audits tenfold on taxpayers earning more than $400,000 per year.

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Challenge to Amgen deal worries industry

U.S. trade regulators' surprise attempt to block a pending drug industry merger is creating alarm that the government will upend a successful business model in the industry.

Big, rich drugmakers often buy smaller companies or their drugs, using their heft to bring the medicines to lucrative markets. On Tuesday, the Federal Trade Commission filed a lawsuit to stop Amgen from buying Horizon Therapeutics for $27.8 billion, what would be the company's largest acquisition, citing the potential for Amgen to pressure buyers to pay high prices for Horizon's drugs.

News of the impending suit leaked Monday, and analysts were broadly concerned about how the agency's actions would affect drug development and deals.

Smaller biotech and pharmaceutical companies often lack the money to conduct trials, gain regulatory clearance and get drugs covered by payers, so they pitch their pipeline to larger businesses to get the products across the finish line.

"There would be broad, negative implications for the biotech industry if this deal were ultimately blocked as exiting via acquisition is a standard practice and a common way for larger biopharmas to refresh their pipelines," said Marc Engelsgjerd, a Bloomberg Intelligence analyst.

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Air travel bookings show surging demand

Air travel bookings are pointing to strong demand this summer, with Asia Pacific leading a regional rebound after coronavirus restrictions disappeared and airlines overcame the travel chaos that dogged last year's peak season, the International Air Transport Association said.

Forward bookings for the May-September period are 35 percent higher than in the same period in 2022, the airline-industry group said in a statement.

Asia Pacific experienced the largest jump with a 135 percent increase, followed by a 43 percent advance for the Middle East and a 40 percent improvement in Europe.

IATA's survey, which polled 4,700 people in 11 countries, showed that 79 percent of passengers are planning a trip during this year's peak travel season. The vast majority expect smooth travel conditions after airlines and airports beefed up operations following last year's chaos.

"For many this will be their first post-pandemic travel experience," Nick Careen, IATA's senior vice president for operations, safety and security, said in the release. "While some disruptions can be expected, there is a clear expectation that the ramping-up issues faced at some key hub airports in 2022 will have been resolved."

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ALSO IN BUSINESS

Chrysler-parent Stellantis said Tuesday it is recalling more than 132,000 Jeep Cherokee SUVs in the United States for fire risks and warning owners to park outside until repairs are made. The recall covers 2014 through 2016 model year Jeep Cherokee vehicles equipped with a power liftgate. An electrical short in the power liftgate module may lead to a vehicle fire with the ignition on or off. It is the third recall for the issue since 2015. Vehicles repaired under prior recalls will still need to have the new fix performed, according to a filing with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The automaker said "owners are advised to park outside and away from structures until the recall repair is complete." Stellantis is still working on the recall fix, and owner notification letters are expected to be mailed June 30.

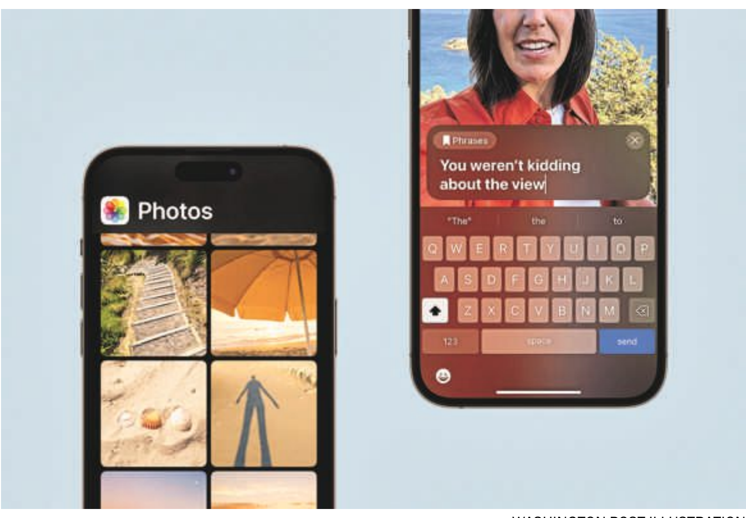
A group of senior Tesla executives plan to visit India this week to meet with federal government officials in a newfound bid to deepen the carmaker's supply chain in the country as it pushes to diversify beyond China. The executives are scheduled to meet with government representatives including those from the office of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss local sourcing of components for Tesla's models, people familiar with the matter said, declining to be named as the plans are private. The visit could represent a thaw in the relationship of India and Tesla.

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TECH IN YOUR LIFE

Coming soon to Apple: Type a message, hear your voice

BY CHRIS VELAZCO



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Assistive Access, left, simplifies use of apps including Photos. At right, Live Speech reads aloud a typed message on FaceTime.

Starting later this year, you'll be able to type out a friendly greeting or your coffee order on an iPhone and hear your own voice — or something like it — speak it aloud.

It won't require any additional apps or accounts, either; just a free software update from Apple.

To people who have full use of their voice, this tool — a feature the company calls Personal Voice — may not seem like much more than a clever curiosity. But for those who can no longer speak with the clarity or confidence they once did, tools like this could help them interact with the world, and the people in it, a little more easily.

Personal Voice is one of a handful of new assistive features that will arrive on Apple devices such as iPhones, iPads and Mac computers "later this year," the company said.

Apple wouldn't elaborate on exactly when users could expect to try these tools for themselves, but the company often highlights features like these before they appear in new versions of its iOS, iPadOS and macOS software, which historically launch in the fall.

To help you keep these new accessibility features straight — and to help flag ones you may want to use yourself — here's our brief guide to the tools coming to an Apple device near you.

Live Speech

How it works: Once it's enabled, you'll be able to type out messages and remarks on an iPhone, iPad or Mac computer for the device to read out loud. And if there are certain sentences or phrases you find yourself relying on frequently, you can save these as shortcuts to play aloud with a tap.

Unless you create a Personal Voice model — which we'll get to in a moment — you'll hear Siri's voice reading your words. This tool doesn't just help when in-person conversations unfold — it also feeds that spoken audio into phone and FaceTime calls.

Personal Voice

How it works: To make those Live Speech messages sound like you, you'll have to create a Personal Voice model. While we haven't gotten to try the feature for ourselves, the company claims an iPhone or iPad can create a sound-alike voice after it's provided 15 minutes of spoken samples — in this case, a set of randomly chosen voice prompts. (Don't worry — if you get busy or uncomfortable, you don't have to finish the process in one sitting.)

Once that's done, you can expect a bit of a wait — your device will chew on those samples overnight, after which you'll be able to type out messages and hear them played back in your voice.

There's just one more thing to keep in mind: When you build a Personal Voice model, it lives on whatever device you created it on by default. That means you'll have to go through the training process again on any other device you want to use that model on *unless* you give explicit permission for it to be shared across devices.

Assistive Access

How it works: Designed for users with cognitive impairments, Assistive Access strips all the visual cruft out of the iPhone and iPad to give people a dead-simple way to interact with their device.

Consider your phone's home screen, for example — you're meant to choose a small number of apps you rely on to take center stage, with each getting an enormous app icon for easy visibility. Apple also streamlined how other common phone functions work — rather than asking you to make phone calls and FaceTime calls from different apps, for instance, you can set up a handful of favorite contacts for quick access. Tapping one of those names then brings up options for voice or video calls. Think of it as a sort of beginner's mode for iPhones and iPads, and you're on the right track.

Point and Speak

How it works: This feature, which will live in Apple's Magnifier app, does exactly what it says — point your finger at something in front of the camera, and the app will read whatever text is on or near it.

In a brief example Apple showcased, a person could use Point and Speak to read the tiny text on microwave buttons as they pointed to different ones. The catch? This feature will work only on Apple devices with a built-in lidar sensor, and for now at least, those are exclusive to the company's pricey Pro iPhones and iPads.

Wells Fargo agrees to settle lawsuit for $1 billion

BY AARON GREGG



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Wells Fargo agreed to settle litigation over whether it overstated reforms initiated after a 2016 scandal involving fake accounts.

Wells Fargo has agreed to pay $1 billion to settle a class-action lawsuit brought on by shareholders who had accused the lender of overstating the progress of reforms initiated after the 2016 fake-accounts scandal.

The settlement was filed late Monday in federal court in Manhattan, where litigation had been in progress for three years. If it secures the judge's approval, it would be among the 20 largest securities class-action deals on record, according to plaintiffs.

"This agreement resolves a consolidated securities class-action lawsuit involving the company and several former executives and a director, who have not been with the company for several years," a Wells Fargo spokesman said. "While we disagree with the allegations in this case, we are pleased to have resolved this matter."

It's the latest penalty to emerge from the years-long scandal. In 2016, Wells Fargo acknowledged opening millions of accounts that customers didn't ask for. The bank fired more than 5,000 employees who had opened fake accounts to win bonuses or keep their jobs, with some customers wrongly charged overdraft fees and dinged on their credit scores.

The Federal Reserve imposed a series of consent orders in 2018 that disallowed the bank from growing larger through mergers and acquisitions, along with other strictures linked to corporate governance improvement plans.

Some of the bank's shareholders, including several pension administrators, later accused Wells Fargo of misleading them about the extent of its compliance with those consent orders. They alleged the bank moved slower to address its problems than had been suggested publicly, harming investors when the bank's stock price later declined.

The shareholders lawsuit centers on public statements and regulatory filings in which the bank touted its progress in complying with the consent orders between 2018 and 2020.

"In reality, however and unbeknownst to the investing public Wells Fargo was far from complying with regulators' directive, including repeatedly submitting insufficiently developed and inadequate remediation plans, struggling to meet deadlines, and failing to implement meaningful reforms," the plaintiffs wrote in a legal complaint initially filed in June 2020.

The bank's stock price fell more than 10 percent over two days following the release of a report regarding its compliance with the consent orders, and plunged again when members of the House Financial Services Committee requested a federal investigation. Those falling share prices coincided with broader stock market disruption caused by the onset of the coronavirus pandemic.

The class-action lawsuit was led by pension administrators in Rhode Island and Mississippi, who said their holdings were affected by the bank's misleading statements.

"The pension fund lost money because of their lies, so we're holding them accountable," Rhode Island General Treasurer James Diossa said in an interview Tuesday.

He added that he hoped the settlement would cause the bank to be more careful about future statements to investors.

"I strongly believe that this is an important case historically, too, because it's going to help shape the next years to come for Wells Fargo and their behavior," Diossa said.

Laura Posner, an attorney with the law firm Cohen Milstein, which represented the plaintiffs, called the settlement "quite impressive" in terms of what the plaintiffs thought realistic damages were. "More broadly, it is hopefully a way of deterring ... other companies from engaging in fraud," Posner said.

It's the latest in a string of payouts for Wells Fargo. Last year, the bank was ordered by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to pay $3.7 billion to resolve claims that it bungled borrowers' auto and mortgage loans. It separately agreed to resolve a different class-action suit for $300 million that claimed it improperly charged hundreds of thousands of customers for car insurance they didn't need.

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After charm offensive, OpenAI's CEO gets warm reception

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“If this technology goes wrong, it can go quite wrong,” Altman said.

Yet in nearly three hours of discussion of potentially catastrophic harms, Altman affirmed that his company will continue to release the technology. He argued that rather than being reckless, OpenAI's “iterative deployment” of AI models gives institutions time to understand potential threats — a strategic move that puts “relatively weak” and “deeply imperfect” technology in the world to help uncover the associated safety risks.

For weeks, Altman has been on a global goodwill tour, privately meeting with policymakers — including the Biden White House and members of Congress — to address apprehension about the rapid rollout of ChatGPT and other technologies. Tuesday's hearing marked the first opportunity for the broader public to hear his message, at a moment when Washington is increasingly grappling with ways to regulate a technology that is already upending jobs, empowering scams and spreading falsehoods.

In sharp contrast to contentious hearings with other tech CEOs, including TikTok's Shou Zi Chew and Meta's Mark Zuckerberg, lawmakers from both parties gave Altman a relatively warm reception. They appeared to be in listening mode, expressing a broad willingness to consider regulatory proposals from Altman and the two other witnesses at the hearing, IBM executive Christina Montgomery and New York University professor emeritus Gary Marcus.

During the hearing of the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on privacy, technology and the law, members expressed deep fears about the rapid evolution of artificial intelligence, repeatedly suggesting that recent advances could be more transformative than the internet — or as risky as the atomic bomb.

“This is your chance, folks, to tell us how to get this right,” Sen. John Neely Kennedy (R-La.) told the witnesses. “Please use it.”



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Sam Altman, CEO of OpenAI, is sworn in to testify before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee. “If this technology goes wrong, it can go quite wrong,” he told lawmakers about artificial intelligence.

Lawmakers from both parties expressed openness to the idea of creating a government agency tasked with regulating artificial intelligence, though past attempts to build a specific agency with oversight of Silicon Valley have languished in Congress amid partisan divisions about how to form such a behemoth.

It's unclear whether such a proposal would gain broad traction with Republicans, who are generally wary of expanding government power. Sen. Josh Hawley of Missouri, the top Republican on the panel, warned that such a body could be “captured by the interests that they're supposed to regulate.”

Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), who chairs the subcommittee, said Altman's testimony was a “far cry” from past outings by other top Silicon Valley CEOs, whom lawmakers have criticized for historically declining to endorse specific legislative proposals.

“Sam Altman is night and day compared to other CEOs,” Blumenthal, who began the hearing with an audio clip mimicking his voice that he said was generated by artificial intelligence trained on his floor speeches, told reporters. “Not just in the words and the rhetoric but in actual actions and his willingness to participate and commit to specific action.”

Altman's appearance comes as Washington policymakers are increasingly denouncing the threat of artificial intelligence, as ChatGPT and other generative AI tools have dazzled the public but unleashed a fleet of safety concerns. Generative AI, which backs chatbots like ChatGPT and the text-to-image generator Dall-E, creates text, images or sounds, often with human-seeming flair, and has prompted concerns about the proliferation of false information, data privacy, copyright abuses and cybersecurity.

The Biden administration has called AI a key priority, and lawmakers have repeatedly said they want to avoid the same mistakes they've made with social media.

Lawmakers expressed regret over their relatively hands-off approach to the tech industry before the 2016 elections. Their first hearing with Zuckerberg occurred in 2018, once Facebook was a mature company and embroiled in scandal after the revelation that Cambridge Analytica siphoned the data of 87 million Facebook users.

Yet despite broad bipartisan agreement that AI presents a threat, lawmakers have not coalesced around rules to govern its use or development. Blumenthal said Tuesday's hearing “successfully raised” hard questions about AI but had not answered them. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) has been developing a new AI framework that he says would “deliver transparent, responsible AI while not stifling critical and cutting edge innovation.” But his office has not released any specific bills or commented on when it might be finished.

A group of Democrats — Sens. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, Cory Booker of New Jersey and Michael F. Bennet of Colorado, as well as Rep. Yvette D. Clarke of New York — introduced legislation to address the threats generative AI presents to elections. Their Real Political Ads Act would require a disclaimer on political ads that use AI-generated images or video.

Lawmakers displayed uneasiness about generative AI's potential to influence elections. Hawley, who led the charge to object to the results of the 2020 election on the false premise that some states failed to follow the law, questioned Altman on how generative AI might sway voters, citing research suggesting large language models can predict human survey responses.

“It's one of my areas of greatest concern — the more general ability of these models to manipulate, to persuade, to provide sort of one-on-one interactive disinformation,” Altman said.

Altman said OpenAI has adopted some policies to address these risks, which include barring the use of ChatGPT for “generating high volumes of campaign materials,” but asked policymakers to consider regulation around AI.

Altman's rosy reception signals the success of his recent charm offensive, which included a dinner with lawmakers Monday night about artificial intelligence regulation and a private huddle after Tuesday's hearing with House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) and members of the Congressional Artificial Intelligence Caucus.

About 60 lawmakers from both parties attended the dinner with Altman, where the OpenAI CEO demonstrated different ways they could use ChatGPT, according to a person in the room who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the private dinner.

Lawmakers were amused when Altman prompted ChatGPT to write a speech on behalf of Rep. Mike Johnson (R-La.) about introducing a pretend bill to name a post office after Rep. Ted Lieu (D-Calif.), the person said. Yet the dinner included more serious conversation about how policymakers can ensure the United States leads the world on artificial intelligence.

The sharpest critiques of Altman came from another witness: Marcus, the NYU professor emeritus, who warned the panel that it was confronting a “perfect storm of corporate irresponsibility, widespread deployment, lack of regulation and inherent unreliability.”

Marcus warned that lawmakers should be wary of trusting the tech industry, noting that there are “mind boggling” sums of money at stake and that companies' missions can “drift.”

Marcus critiqued OpenAI, citing a divergence from its original mission statement to advance AI to “benefit humanity as a whole” unconstrained by financial pressures. Now, Marcus said, the company is “beholden” to its investor Microsoft, and its rapid release of products is putting pressure on other companies — most notably Google parent company Alphabet — to swiftly roll out products too.

“Humanity has taken a back seat,” Marcus said.

In addition to creating a new regulatory agency, Altman proposed creating a set of safety standards for AI models, testing whether they could go rogue and start acting on their own. He also suggested that independent experts could conduct audits, testing the performance of the models on various metrics.

However, Altman sidestepped other suggestions, such as requirements for transparency in the training data that AI models use. OpenAI has been secretive about the data it uses to train its models, while some rivals are building open-source models that allow researchers to scrutinize the training data.

Altman also dodged a call from Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) to commit to not train OpenAI's models on artists' copyrighted works, or to use their voices or likenesses without first receiving their consent. And when Booker asked whether OpenAI would ever put ads in its chatbots, Altman replied, “I wouldn't say never.”

But even Marcus appeared to soften toward Altman, saying toward the end of the hearing that sitting beside him, “his sincerity in talking about fears is very apparent physically in a way that just doesn't communicate on the television screen.”

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In Florida, Iger's single tweet unleashes clash of the titans

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Disney chief executive Bob Iger in 2019. Last year, Iger set in motion an epic clash between two Florida powerhouses by tweeting: "If passed, this bill will put vulnerable, young LGBTQ people in jeopardy."

Iger's tweet caught many in the Florida government and Disney's headquarters by surprise. It suddenly set in motion an epic clash between two Florida powerhouses — Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) and Disney World, an economic engine that employs 75,000 people and attracts 50 million visitors per year. This dispute began with a contentious education bill, but, like a Magic Kingdom roller coaster, has taken numerous twists and turns in the past 15 months, picking up speed and intensity along the way.

And what started as DeSantis vs. Disney is now seen by many as DeSantis vs. Iger.

The stakes for both sides seem higher than ever. DeSantis is eyeing a run for the White House. He often needles Disney in his speeches. Iger is back in control of Disney after seeing its share price drop 40 percent in his absence. The spat with DeSantis "had become a major distraction" for Iger as he tries to revive Disney's fortunes, according to a former company official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal business matters. And Disney recently sued the DeSantis administration, claiming the company is the victim of a "targeted campaign of government retaliation."

Florida Republicans countered by passing even more Disney-specific laws, including one that will, for the first time, require state inspection of Disney's monorail system.

"DeSantis views this as a fight he can't afford to lose," said one person familiar with the governor's inner circle who spoke on the condition of anonymity to detail private conversations.

"Iger never loses," said Jeffrey Sonnenfeld, a Yale management professor. "He won't miss his moment when it comes up."

The feud, in many ways, started with Iger's tweet.

Many Disney employees were thrilled by Iger's tweet, believing the company should have taken a more public stand against the bill.

Iger's missive made it hard for Disney to work behind the scenes on the Florida legislation. It cast a spotlight on Disney's silence. And it made Disney's then-CEO, Bob Chapek, look weak.

Iger had long loomed over Chapek, his handpicked successor. Chapek took over the CEO's role just as the pandemic was about to crush the theme park industry and shutter TV and film production. Iger stayed on for nearly two years as executive chairman overseeing Disney's creative content, leaving that role at the end of December 2021.

Chapek finally talked publicly about the Florida bill on March 7 — 11 days after Iger did so. He sent a memo to Disney cast members — as its workers are known — that downplayed the importance of saying anything ("corporate statements do very little to change outcomes or minds") while also asking cast members to not "mistake a lack of a statement for a lack of support."

But that is exactly how LGBTQ groups and workers viewed it.

Chapek and Iger, along with Disney, declined to comment for this story.

DeSantis's office responded to a request for comment with a short statement.

"Disney should accept that it must live under the same rules as everyone else," DeSantis spokesman Jeremy Redfern said, in part, in a statement.

With Iger's tweet and Chapek's reluctant entry into the debate, DeSantis suddenly had a massive corporate punching bag as his national brand was growing. He lashed out after Chapek's statement, saying state policy would be "based on the best interest of Florida citizens, not on the musing of woke corporations."

After DeSantis signed the education bill into law at the end of March 2022, Disney responded with a pledge to get the law repealed or struck down by a judge.

"You're going to marshal your company's might to attack the parents of Florida?" DeSantis said. "We view that as provocative."

The fight was on.

Disney appeared to be back on its heels for much of 2022 as DeSantis continued pummeling the company, both in speeches and through legislation. In November, Disney's board made a surprise move to replace Chapek. Iger was back as chief executive.

Iger had lots to do, including fixing Florida.

DeSantis initially ramped up the pressure. In February, the Republican-controlled statehouse replaced a Disney-controlled special tax district with one controlled by the governor. DeSantis took the opportunity to blast a "woke Burbank corporation."

But Iger's Disney appeared to have preempted DeSantis's plan. At the last moment, the prior tax district board had locked down Disney's development rights and given the company veto power over any property changes. And Disney appeared to be thumbing its nose at the governor with a contract clause that said the new deal would last for 21 years after "the death of the last survivor of the descendants of King Charles III" — perhaps a century, far longer than the current controversy would last.

The new board appeared close to powerless.

DeSantis and his supporters were furious. The governor called for a state investigation. That same day, Iger used Disney's annual shareholders meeting to label DeSantis's actions as "not just anti-business, but anti-Florida." The Florida governor had not backed Disney into a corner. In Iger, force was being met with force.

Iger also gave a sense of how he viewed the fight over Florida's education bill. He said Disney didn't need to weigh in on every social issue and there were even times "when I actually believe we shouldn't." But he pointed to companies that spoke out on social issues in the civil rights era and during World War II. "Those that stood in silence in some ways still carry the stain of indifference," Iger said.

Three days later, DeSantis gave a talk to a friendly audience at Hillsdale College, the conservative liberal arts schools in Michigan.

He was promoting his new autobiography, which includes an entire chapter devoted to Disney — but mentions Iger by name just once, almost as an aside.

"Once Disney declared war on Florida's families," DeSantis wrote, "it was clear to me that the company's executives in Burbank had not considered the lack of real leverage that Disney has over the State of Florida."

At Hillsdale, he was asked to respond to complaints from Big Tech and Disney that he was using his political power to mess with them.

"Well, Disney is a joke," DeSantis said, skipping right past Big Tech to zero in on the Magic Kingdom and launch into a nearly three-minute soliloquy retracing the past year's clash with Disney.

He threatened to unravel the company's plans for its Florida theme parks and pursue new hotel taxes and road tolls.

"They can keep trying to do things, but ultimately we're going to win on every single issue involving Disney, I can tell you that," he said, to applause.

Disney was listening. The threat of new taxes and tolls was alarming. Days later, DeSantis tossed out the idea of giving the state new powers over ride safety inspections at Disney World, including its monorail system. (State lawmakers in early May passed a bill creating new state monorail inspections — 52 years after Disney's monorail opened.) DeSantis also raised the possibility of locating a new state prison near the theme park.

In late April, DeSantis's tax district declared Disney's development agreements void. And Disney went to court, alleging government interference in its contracts and retribution for expressing opinions that the governor's team didn't like.

"Disney regrets that it has come to this," the complaint dryly notes.

"The mouse brought in the big guns," said Dave Aronberg, a state attorney in Palm Beach County and former Democratic state senator. "The problem with DeSantis's case is that he and his supporters never tried to hide their true intentions. You can't do any of this in retaliation."

Jeff Brandes, a former Republican state senator who was the lone GOP member to vote against dissolving Disney's special tax district last year, said he thinks everyone probably wishes the fight would just go away.

It's been good for DeSantis, keeping his name in the national conversation, Brandes said. But he "got himself into something that he doesn't know how to get out of."

And Iger's Disney gets a win because it looks like it is standing up for its employees and fighting back.

But, Brandes said, he imagines the court case will get dragged out and that, in a couple of years, Florida will have a new governor who "might not have the same vision that DeSantis has for picking this fight."

"And so everybody moves on," he said.

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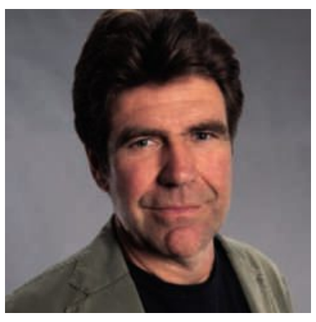


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How to save taxpayers nearly $500 billion

BY NATASHA SARIN AND MARK J. MAZUR

Here's one more indicator, if anyone needs one, that House Republicans' newfound fiscal responsibility isn't all it's cracked up to be: Their debt ceiling demands include a proposal that will balloon the debt — and by much more than previously understood.

A key provision of the GOP's proposed Limit, Save, Grow Act would rescind most of the $80 billion in additional funding the IRS received in the Inflation Reduction Act to tackle high-end tax evasion. The Congressional Budget Office calculated this move would increase the deficit by more than $100 billion over the course of the next decade.

The reality is even more dire.

In new work, we estimate how much additional revenue the IRS is likely to collect as a result of the extra funding and, conversely, how much revenue would be lost if House Republicans' proposal became law. We conclude, very conservatively, that the additional funding would shrink the tax gap (the difference between taxes owed and taxes collected) by nearly $500 billion over the next 10 years — and about $1.5 trillion over the course of the next two decades. Without the IRS funding, federal budget deficits would increase by approximately this amount.

What drives the differences between our estimates and official government estimates? We were both engaged with these issues as Treasury Department officials during the period that the Biden administration was making the case for adequately funding the IRS (Mazur as acting assistant secretary for tax policy, Sarin as Treasury's counselor for tax policy and implementation). So, we saw firsthand the ways that the impact of additional investment in the IRS is underestimated or even ignored by government estimators.

For example, models used by these estimators fail to account for the fact that investments in service and technology will improve voluntary compliance. It seems intuitive that because the IRS could answer 87 percent of the calls it received this year (thanks to new Inflation Reduction Act resources), it has been able to help more taxpayers than it could last year, when just over 10 percent of telephone inquiries were answered. And yet because the compliance benefits from these gains have historically been hard to quantify, they aren't reflected in official tallies of the impact of these investments.

The anti-IRS movement shows how some politicians have created a tax system that advances the interest of high earners. That is not a winning policy approach.

Official government estimates also largely neglect the behavioral or deterrence effect arising from an IRS enforcement presence in areas where it was previously lacking: To highlight two examples, for businesses organized as partnerships, the IRS audited fewer than 0.05 percent of returns in 2019. For those making more than $10 million annually, the Government Accountability Office reported, the audit rate was just 4 percent, down nearly 80 percent in the previous decade. Having more tax cops on the beat improves revenue in two ways: Taxpayers who make errors that the IRS identifies are unlikely to repeat them in future years, and taxpayers faced with a well-functioning and well-resourced IRS will be more likely to follow the law.

Past Treasury Department estimates have suggested the positive impact on tax revenue of this kind of deterrence effect can be about three times the impact from more direct actions, such as increased audits. Our calculations were much more conservative.

So, even though our estimate of the lost tax revenue resulting from the Republican plan is much higher than the Congressional Budget Office estimate, even our calculation is likely understating the true impact. As one way of seeing this, consider that we estimate that the IRS will capture about 7 percent of the total tax gap through the new $80 billion in Inflation Reduction Act investments — relatively minor progress, given the scope of the existing tax evasion problem.

Critics of the IRS have demonized the nation's tax administrator in recent years. Some in Congress have fearmongered, asserting that the IRS will use the additional funding to deploy armed revenue agents to harass ordinary Americans rather than deploy well-trained accountants to address sophisticated forms of tax evasion by corporations and the wealthy, as the treasury secretary has directed — and the agency has committed to do. It is no surprise that since 2020, the IRS's favorability has dropped by more than one-third, from 65 percent to 42 percent.

The anti-IRS movement shows how some politicians have created a tax system that advances the interest of high earners. That is not a winning policy approach, as most Americans are frustrated that corporations and wealthy people do not pay their fair share.

Nor is this movement (obviously) a winning strategy to address our nation's debts. Speaker Kevin McCarthy (Calif.) and his fellow House Republicans should be asked why their proposal seeks to implement a policy that will make our tax system less equitable and our fiscal situation worse — not better.

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A tuberculosis patient in his room in 2019 at the Sizwe Tropical Diseases Hospital in Johannesburg.

Why is a curable disease still allowed to kill millions?

BY JOHN GREEN

In 2019, I visited Sierra Leone's Lakka Government Hospital, a tuberculosis treatment center. At the time, I knew almost nothing about TB. I didn't know that it is curable or that, for almost all of human history, it has been the world's deadliest infectious disease. And I certainly didn't know that about 1.5 million people still die each year of tuberculosis — more than die of malaria, homicide and war *combined*. That fact is especially horrifying given that TB has been largely curable for more than 70 years. I really visited the hospital only as a favor to a Sierra Leonean physician, Mohamed Bailor Barrie, with whom I was working on a different project related to maternal health.

When we arrived at the hospital, a young boy — he looked perhaps 9 or 10 — bounded toward our car and introduced himself as Henry. He immediately set off to give me a tour of the hospital, tugging my shirt this way and that to show me the patient wards, the treatment rooms and a laboratory that could quickly diagnose tuberculosis.

It took me quite a while to realize that Henry was not an official Lakka Government Hospital tour guide; he was a patient. He was not 9 years old but 16, and looked young only because his body had been so profoundly emaciated by TB. And although he was ambulatory and able to show me the entire hospital, he would soon be critically ill.

I later learned that Henry had multidrug-resistant tuberculosis, also known as MDR-TB, an infection that does not respond to the standard first line of antibiotic treatment. Soon after I met him, Henry required blood transfusions because he lost so much blood from lung hemorrhaging. The TB invaded his lymph nodes, causing swelling in his neck that eventually ruptured into an open wound. He was, by all accounts, dying.

Curing any form of TB requires a cocktail of antibacterial drugs, generally given daily for several months, but MDR-TB is even harder to treat. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that half a million people around the world develop MDR-TB annually, and about 200,000 die. If these strains are not controlled by 2050, according to the CDC, MDR-TB could kill more than 2.6 million annually.

Henry was fortunate in one sense: Unlike many MDR-TB patients, he had access to medication, thanks to a partnership between the nonprofit Partners in Health, of which I am a longtime supporter, and Sierra Leone's Health Ministry. But even the second-line treatment also failed him.

From the 1940s to 1960s, eight separate classes of anti-TB drugs were synthesized to fight the disease. But then *no* new drugs were developed to fight TB until 2012. As tuberculosis became less of a problem in rich countries with robust health-care systems, the profit incentives changed, making TB less of a priority for pharmaceutical companies even as it continued to be a huge problem for humanity. As journalist Tina Rosenberg once noted about another infectious disease, "Probably the worst thing that ever happened to malaria in poor countries was its eradication in rich ones."

In 2012, a new drug appeared at last: bedaquiline, which has become a critical component in MDR-TB treatment cocktails. Most of the research dollars that went into the development of bedaquiline came from the public in many countries — taxpayers invested far more in bedaquiline research and trials than pharmaceutical corporations did — and yet the drug is owned and distributed entirely by a corporation, Johnson & Johnson.

Its patent expires just two months from now, but the company is attempting to "evergreen" its monopoly by slightly adjusting the drug's formulation, enabling Johnson & Johnson to enforce secondary patents and extend its control of bedaquiline in most countries with a high TB burden. This would be good news for Johnson & Johnson, I suppose, but bad news for almost everyone else on the planet. It would mean fewer people with access to MDR-TB treatment, which over time would mean more private and public health costs from TB, easier spread of MDR-TB, more suffering and far more death.

Johnson & Johnson prices bedaquiline at $1.50 per day (or $272 over the six-month treatment regimen). Doctors Without Borders has argued that "with scale-up and generic competition, the price of bedaquiline would be expected to drop, bringing it closer to its target price of $0.50 per day," a price at which bedaquiline would *still be profitable* for manufacturers. This almost 67 percent reduction in price would dramatically increase the availability of bedaquiline.

By mid-2021, Henry had been a patient at the Lakka hospital for more than two years, and he was still sick. His parents, seeing him decline in their weekly visits, begged to take him home so they could be with their son in his final days. But just then, Henry became the very first Sierra Leonean patient to receive a newly designed treatment regimen that included bedaquiline. This new treatment is quicker, less toxic and more effective — and it saved Henry's life. After more than 1,000 days of constant hospitalization and intensive treatment, Henry was at last cured. When I visited him recently, he was a healthy 20-year-old living with his family in Freetown.

"I am so happy to be home again," he told me. Henry is attending university now, studying human resource management.

This year, hundreds of thousands of people who should survive TB will instead die because they cannot afford or don't have access to the best and newest treatments. The end of the bedaquiline patent would result in many of those lives being saved. In March, regulators in India rejected Johnson & Johnson's attempt to extend its patent, opening the way for production of generic bedaquiline there, but it can be difficult for poorer nations to challenge big pharmaceutical companies.

I'm glad Johnson & Johnson has profited from manufacturing and selling bedaquiline. Pharmaceutical companies need to see the value of investing in new tuberculosis treatments. But a decade after the drug's emergence, it is high time for the company to relinquish its extended patent claims. Governments primarily funded bedaquiline's development, and we can pressure our governments to make the drug widely and affordably available. This means telling elected representatives that the use of secondary patents in deeply impoverished communities is unconscionable; it means supporting organizations fighting for expanded TB treatment access, such as Doctors Without Borders and Partners in Health; and it means urging Johnson & Johnson to behave responsibly.

Roughly 4,000 people on this planet died of tuberculosis *yesterday*. From a curable disease. We need not accept such a world. TB treatment must be made available to all, so that tuberculosis can become what it should have been long ago: history.

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This strike, Hollywood writers and producers face a new risk

The last Hollywood writers strike, in 2007 and 2008, cost writers and other workers an estimated $772 million, while knock-on effects did more than $2 billion in damage to the broader California economy. Promising shows were hamstrung; promising movies were shot with half-finished scripts; promising careers were cut short.

But the biggest, most lasting impact was this: TV networks that needed to fill airtime turned to reality shows, in the process reviving the fortunes of the "Apprentice" franchise, which in turn helped ensure the election of Donald Trump as president of the United States.

It seems unlikely that the current writers strike will be the making of another president. But just as with the previous strike, the longer this one goes on, the more likely its effects will be permanent and significant. Nor is that only a problem for writers; in the era of TikTok and YouTube, producers also have a lot on the line.

In some ways, of course, Hollywood looks better positioned to last out a strike than it was 15 years ago. Last time around, story arcs were abruptly truncated midseason. Today, viewers no longer expect television to come packaged in 20-plus-episode bundles between September and May, and we are all used to shorter seasons. In theory, that means shows can be more easily delayed, rather than canceled or butchered. Yet delays still matter. However sympathetic viewers are to the strikers (and as a writer, count me among the sympathizers), we're probably not going to use the time to finally read Proust or brush up our croquet game. Most of us want something to watch, and networks want to give it to us.

Likely, that will mean a renewed focus on unscripted reality shows, just as it did in 2007. Such shows are cheap to produce, and there appears to be a nearly unlimited supply of Americans willing to humiliate themselves on camera in exchange for a long shot at fame.

But streamers also have options that the old studio chiefs didn't: foreign shows and back catalogues of content. NBC couldn't plug a hole in its 2007 lineup by piping in an Israeli thriller or some old episodes of "Little House on the Prairie" that wouldn't command the same audience, or advertising dollars, as a new episode of an American show that could be discussed around tomorrow's water cooler.

That emphasis on novelty and mass-market appeal has faded in the era of 24/7 streaming services with massive libraries. We don't all watch the same things all at once, or expect to. Even a top-rated show such as "Young Sheldon" enjoys less than one-quarter of the weekly viewership that "American Idol" did back in 2007, and of course audiences are still more fragmented on cable and streaming.

That leaves executives with smaller shoes to fill during a strike. They no longer hope to find one hit that can appeal to tens of millions of people; it's fine to locate 10 shows that can appeal to a tenth of that number or, if they're cheap enough, a hundred that can appeal to 1 percent of the old audiences.

And because we can watch whatever appeals to us — rather than whatever has enough mass appeal to earn tens of millions of eyeballs during prime time — we are more open to niche viewing, including things that other people have already seen. Netflix doesn't even have the latest season of "Grey's Anatomy," but it still made the latest top 10 in Nielsen's streaming ratings.

A long strike gives executives the time — and the need — to figure out how to give us those substitutes. Which means writers face a much greater risk than just the wages they're losing every week the strike stays out; they risk teaching the bosses how to do more without writers even after the strike ends.

That still doesn't mean it's a bad idea, to be clear. Writers suffered a great deal during and after the 2007 strike, but that strike also won the Writers Guild jurisdiction over "new media," which includes streaming — and without that, a whole lot of writers would be a whole lot poorer right now. Collectively, it's easy to argue that the short-term suffering paid off in long-term rewards.

But it's worth noting that this time, both the writers and their bosses are facing a risk that they didn't in 2007: a risk that viewers will exit Hollywood's closed system entirely for social media apps such as TikTok and YouTube, which are already increasingly competitive with Netflix among younger audiences. It's possible that for the writers, that will end up outweighing any benefits of a strike — but also possible that will be true for producers. Which means it's in everyone's interest to hammer out a reasonable deal before we learn to live without their services.

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Special counsel John Durham leaves a federal court in Washington in May 2022. Mr. Durham spent four years looking into the origins of the FBI's Russia probe.

Would you pay $6.5 million for this investigation?

Mr. Durham's report shows the problems with special counsels.

JOHN DURHAM has at long last released his report on the FBI's 2016 Russia probe, which conservative conspiracy theorists once anticipated would expose a "deep state" scheme to undermine then-candidate Donald Trump. But, despite some commentators' efforts to portray the actual result of the four-year investigation as damning, the reality is that the Justice Department special counsel uncovered next to nothing.

When then-Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Mr. Durham to investigate the investigators of Trump-Russia ties, Mr. Barr appeared determined to uncover a vast plot on the part of government officials who could be criminally prosecuted for their misdeeds. Instead, Mr. Barr's handpicked special counsel confirmed only what the public already learned in a previous report from Justice Department Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz.

The upshot: There were flaws in the FBI's handling of the matter, especially involving dubious Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) applications to surveil 2016 Trump adviser Carter Page, but they flowed from confirmation bias rather than politically motivated misconduct. Though Mr. Durham continues to disagree that it was appropriate for the FBI to open a full investigation, rather than a preliminary one, he makes no finding that doing so was prohibited under agency rules. There was no involvement by the CIA, National Security Agency or any other snoops. And there is no reason to send anyone to prison. Indeed, the special counsel faced two acquittals in the cases he developed and a guilty plea resulting from a referral by the Justice Department's inspector general.

So what *has* this $6.5 million process accomplished? Plenty — but none of it good. Even now, conservatives are seizing on Mr. Durham's report, which contains indignant rhetoric that suggests dramatically more wrongdoing than its substance backs up, to assert a deep-state plot. The probe's very existence during an election cycle already served as a talking point for Mr. Trump's allies, who promised time and time again that Mr. Durham was going to lay bare the "crime of the century."

This story could have been even worse: The New York Times reported in January that Mr. Barr pressured Mr. Durham to deliver an interim report centered on the Clinton campaign ahead of the 2020 election.

The special counsel's only recommendation for reform is narrow — to create a sort of devil's advocate role within the FBI to challenge investigators' assumptions in politically sensitive investigations. And even this suggestion does less to address flaws in the FISA process and in high-profile FBI investigations more generally than others that were in the Horowitz report, many of which the agency has already implemented. The best way to ensure investigating agents' claims are appropriately scrutinized before the government takes them to court, for instance, might be to further empower prosecutors by ensuring they get all the information, both exculpatory and inculpatory, that they need. Further reforms to make the FISA adjudication process more adversarial would also help.

But all this speaks to a bigger problem: Matters such as these shouldn't even be in the purview of a special counsel, whose role is to decide whether to bring charges, then pack up and go home. These individuals operating under the Justice Department's purview yet imbued with extra independence have a history of overspending resources and reaching beyond their mandates. The attorney general, technically still in charge, has some power to constrain them — yet this case shows clearly what happens when he does the opposite instead.

The current attorney general, Merrick Garland, overseeing two separate special counsel investigations into Mr. Trump and President Biden, should take note.

In Thailand, a desire for change

Voters rejected military rule. But the generals might not step aside.

SOME 40 million voters in Thailand delivered on Sunday an unmistakable message: They are unhappy with nine years of military rule and want change. The official results aren't expected for weeks, and there will be a period of intense jockeying among the parties to form a governing coalition. But the generals who have ruled the country since 2014 should respect the people's unequivocal verdict and return to the barracks. This is far from guaranteed, even though, in the long term, it is neither in Thailand's or in its military's interest to suppress the popular will.

The pro-democracy camp's success on Sunday was expected from opinion polling, but the depth of its victory was breathtaking. The urban-based, progressive Move Forward party was projected to come out on top with around 151 seats, followed by Pheu Thai, the latest iteration of the populist political machine of an ousted prime minister now in exile, Thaksin Shinawatra, with around 141 seats.

Mr. Thaksin's parties have won every free Thai election for about the past two decades, but the military has repeatedly either kept the party from power through the courts or ousted it in coups. Pheu Thai is now led by Mr. Thaksin's daughter, Paetongtarn Shinawatra, 36, who had been leading in many pre-election polls.

Move Forward is led by Pita Limjaroenrat, a 42-year-old Harvard Kennedy School alumnus and a business executive. The late surge of support for Move Forward appears to have come from millions of first-time voters who might have also been tired of the dynastic politics represented by Pheu Thai, meaning that voters opted for a major political realignment.

Smaller opposition parties also scored well, and all the pro-democracy parties seem willing to work together to form what should be an overwhelming bloc for change.

The biggest loser appears to be current Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha, who led the 2014 coup and retired from the military to be an ostensible civilian government leader. His United Thai Nation Party is poised to come in fifth place in the constituency vote, with only around 36 parliamentary seats. Mr. Prayuth, who polls show is widely unpopular after nine years in power, had campaigned on a promise of continuity — something Thai voters clearly rejected. Mr. Prayuth's party came in behind even a rival military party led by his erstwhile deputy, Prawit Wongsuwan, who is also a retired general.

The two main opposition parties were both considered unpalatable to the military. The generals disliked and feared Pheu Thai for its populist brand of politics that particularly appeals to poor Thais in the country's northeast. Both Mr. Thaksin and later his sister were deposed. But Move Forward represents an even bigger threat to the military and the conservative elements in Thai society, for example by pledging to end military conscription and modify the country's strict "lèse-majesté" law that makes it illegal to criticize the king.

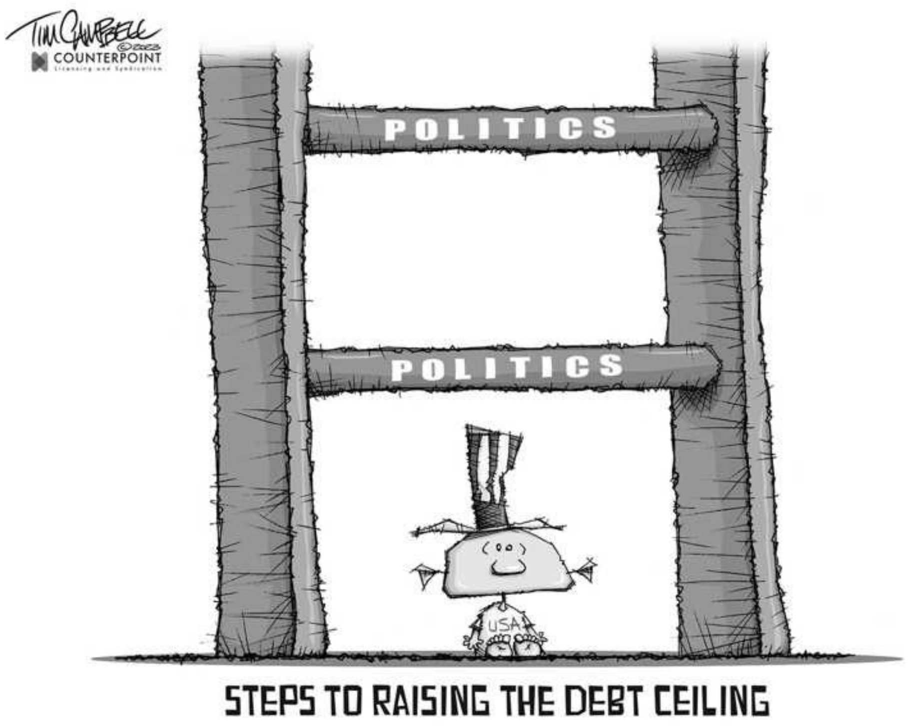
That so many Thais, particularly young people, were willing to vote for a party that openly advocated a change to the law protecting the once-revered monarchy is itself a sign of the dramatic change underway in Thailand. The question now is whether the conservative forces, including the military and the monarchy, will respect the people's wishes. Mr. Pita on Sunday said his party had no intention of backing down on its campaign pledges.

It's not a given in Thailand that the soldiers will stand down, despite their resounding repudiation at the polls. Under the constitution they designed to guarantee a dominant military role in politics, the next prime minister will be chosen not just by the 500-member House of Representatives. A 250-member Senate, appointed entirely be the ruling junta, also has a vote for prime minister, meaning the military can still suppress this popular surge.

So while many Thais are elated, some caution — and vigilance among leaders in the United States and other democracies — is still needed. One need to look at Thailand's neighbor, Myanmar, where the popular party of Nobel Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi scored a landslide victory in elections in November 2020, only to see the military take power three months later and annul the result. Myanmar has been gripped by civil war ever since.

The tragedy there should be a cautionary note to any generals in Thailand thinking of defying their country's legitimate election results. As the Thai political system wrangles over Sunday's results, the Biden administration and other foreign observers should make this point clearly and often.

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Help for opioid addiction

The May 13 Metro article "Ousted Va. official will lead opioid response" reported that Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) is taking steps to combat the fentanyl crisis, including studying how to keep offenders drug-free after release from prison.

One glaring omission is reforming Virginia's "barrier law" for substance-abuse counselors and peer-recovery specialists. This law makes it illegal for people to work to reduce addiction because of criminal convictions that can have nothing to do with counseling. In fact, the state's own findings show that the law bars "qualified applicants who can provide valuable services," likely hundreds each year. That includes people such as my Institute for Justice client Rudy Carey, who is challenging the law in federal court. He has won a "counselor of the year" award, yet, because of a 19-year-old conviction, Virginia still bans him from counseling for the rest of his life. That makes no sense.

If Virginia wants to get serious about drug addiction, reforming this harmful law is the place to start.

Andrew Ward, *Arlington*

The right age to buy guns

The May 12 news article "Judge: Laws can't bar 18-year-olds from buying handguns" devoted more than 1,000 words to legal arguments but failed to mention the most perplexing aspect of the current state of affairs. That is, people under 21 cannot buy pistols and revolvers, but the age for legally purchasing "long guns" is 18.

That means it is perfectly legal to buy an AR-style rifle at the age of 18 but not a six-shooter. As The Post has reported, many mass shootings in recent years have been carried out by teenagers using AR-style rifles. There was a glancing reference to Uvalde, Tex., and Buffalo and AR-style rifles, but the rule regarding 18-year-olds deserves much more prominent treatment.

Concepción Badillo-Debusmann, *Washington*

A response to public threats

Missing from Eugene Robinson's May 9 op-ed, "Society put Jordan Neely on that F train," was a notion of how Daniel Penny should have responded.

Society certainly let Jordan Neely down — over and over again. He never should have been killed. But what is the appropriate response when one encounters a threat from a person with a mental illness on the street, on the subway or in any confined public space? There are no rules. Do we use force and immobilize the threat? Ignore the threat or try to lower the temperature with reason?

Reason and good judgment can be lost to an immediate sense of fear and danger. Mr. Penny chose to neutralize the perceived threat with force and a probably unintended deadly consequence. But how was he supposed to respond?

Before we judge Mr. Penny, let's get on the same page on what the appropriate response should be.

Mark Stover, *Arlington*

Daniel Penny and Jordan Neely do not appear to have anything in common except they were in the same subway car on the last day of Mr. Neely's life. That isn't all. Mr. Neely's behavior was typical for someone struggling with homelessness and mental unwellness. Mr. Penny's state of mind appears (by the reports) to have been a side effect of serving in the military.

The cry of racial injustice has already started; however, the bigger and more important issue is one of mental unwellness. Could there have been a better intervention? Could the freelance journalist who video-recorded the interaction have assisted in another way? Is his video usable in a helpful way or only to promote himself?

Answers will arise during Mr. Penny's trial, but solutions to this tragedy? I don't think so.

Felisicia Williams, *Chesapeake, Va.*

Misbehaving in court

One of the few law school cases I remember with admiration involved a defendant who behaved badly toward the judge and then moved for the judge to be recused for bias. The court refused to be scammed and ruled that a judge's unfavorable opinion of a party based on the party's actual actions during proceedings cannot be considered prejudice and cause for removal. Obviously, this applies to former president Donald Trump in the New York case brought by E. Jean Carroll ["Sexual abuse verdict renews Republican doubts about Trump's electability," news, May 11].

A logical corollary eviscerates Justice Clarence Thomas's excuse for accepting and failing to report a half-million dollars in gifts from a right-wing activist because they are "dear friends" ["Conservative judicial activist directed fees to Clarence Thomas's wife," front page, May 5]. When the largesse precedes the friendship, the consequent relationship does not qualify as a defense.

Nor should a person who has killed his parents be granted mercy because he is an orphan.

Timing matters.

Janine D. Harris, *Alexandria*

Meat can't be ethical

Regarding the May 14 editorial "The beef abides":

There's simply no way to make meat production ethical. Animals in the meat industry live in squalor and die in terror. Piglets' teeth are cut without painkillers. Chickens are crammed by the tens of thousands into ammonia-reeking sheds. And cows freeze to the sides of trucks on the way to having their throats slit in slaughterhouses. People who care about animals can fight, kicking and screaming, to compel the industry to make even the paltriest changes — and even that will take a Supreme Court ruling — or they can go vegan.

We're facing a climate catastrophe, and waiting for some magical way to reduce the industry's methane emissions — or for marketable lab-grown meat that might or might not come to fruition — will be too little, too late. But everyone *can* eat vegan, whether that's a veggie burger or a tempeh BLT.

Of course, no one has to eat taste-alikes, and fresh fruits and vegetables, grains, nuts and legumes are already plentiful and require far less land and water than animal agriculture. But vegan meat is the perfect solution for anyone who wants to save animals and protect the planet while enjoying traditional fare, and there are myriad options for people to choose from. That's likely why so many Europeans embracing vegan meat have realized that culture can and should evolve.

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Trump finds use for the Durham dud

Special counsel John Durham had everything he needed. Time, money, resources and a clear if not-quite-stated charge from then-Attorney General William P. Barr: Go after the investigation into Russia's attempts to manipulate the 2016 election. Turn over every rock. Make the whole thing look like the "hoax" Donald Trump said it was.

Durham has released his report, and not only is it a dud, but in many ways it's also the direct opposite of the investigation by the other special counsel in this case, Robert S. Mueller III.

Mueller amassed a mountain of evidence making clear the shocking sweep of Russia's campaign to put Trump in the White House. He also showed how eager Trump, his family and his aides were to receive Vladimir Putin's help. Yet Mueller bent over backward to avoid saying that Trump was guilty of a crime or that the whole affair met the legal definition of a criminal conspiracy.

In contrast, Durham assembled a molehill, which Trump and his supporters are desperately trying to claim is a mountain.

Beginning in 2019, Durham spent years and millions of dollars investigating Crossfire Hurricane, the FBI's investigation of the Russian interference effort. While his 300-page report excoriated the FBI, just about all the facts he discusses were detailed more than three years ago in an inspector general's report that revealed serious problems with the way the bureau handled Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) warrant requests, among other things.

But if you look at the way conservatives are spinning the report by Durham, you'd think he claimed that the FBI *never should have investigated Russia's efforts in the first place*. That's bonkers.

"Yes, the FBI could be second-guessed for some of its decisions, and it got sloppy" at times, says Barbara McQuade, a University of Michigan law professor and former U.S. attorney. But given the suggestion that a hostile foreign power was trying to manipulate a presidential election, "it would have been a dereliction of duty not to investigate."

Durham himself acknowledges this, writing that the "the investigation could have been opened more appropriately as an assessment or preliminary investigation" rather than a full investigation.

"It's a relatively minor quibble," McQuade told me, and "FBI agents disagree all the time" about which sort of inquiry to use and when. But what matters is that when conservatives claim Durham concluded that there should have never been any investigation at all, they're not telling the truth.

And because they're trying so hard to memory-hole everything that was revealed about what Russia and the Trump campaign did, it's worth running through a few highlights.

During the campaign, Trump, members of his family and his campaign aides had dozens of contacts with Russian nationals and officials. His campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, and Manafort's deputy, Rick Gates, who both worked for pro-Russian oligarchs and politicians in Ukraine, passed confidential internal polling data to a Russian intelligence operative.

Russia hacked Democratic National Committee servers, then passed embarrassing information to WikiLeaks so it could be released publicly at moments advantageous to Trump. WikiLeaks was in communication about the information with Trump adviser Roger Stone, whom Trump later pardoned for lying to Congress about the scandal, witness tampering and obstruction. Russia also mounted a comprehensive trolling campaign through social media to boost Trump's presidential bid. Plus, the infamous Trump Tower meeting with Russian nationals.

Trump successfully convinced people that all of that (and more) could be reduced to the question of whether he "colluded" with the Kremlin, a word with no fixed meaning. Mueller unwittingly helped in this effort by contending in his report that he was prevented by Justice Department policies from saying Trump committed crimes, even though he offered copious evidence that Trump did, especially in his efforts to obstruct the investigation.

Mueller "practically stood on his head to avoid besmirching Donald Trump out of an exercise of caution," McQuade told me. "I don't see Durham doing the same thing here."

In fact, Durham did just the opposite. His report ignores that it would have been insane for the FBI not to investigate what turned out to be perhaps the most dangerous effort ever of a hostile foreign power attempting to manipulate American politics.

You'll search his report in vain for any mention of, for instance, the fact that Trump's campaign chairman *passed information to a Russian intelligence operative.* Nearly every mention of Manafort is about his relationship with former Trump campaign adviser Carter Page, who turned out to be an inconsequential figure in the scandal yet takes up much of the space in Durham's report because of the FBI's shoddy means of obtaining FISA warrants to surveil him.

In the end, Durham's investigation achieved little to nothing of consequence. He indicted three people, one of whom pleaded guilty to illegally modifying an email and was sentenced to probation; the other two were acquitted. His report tries to turn what is already known about FBI sloppiness into something new and shocking.

But if his goal was to give Trump and his dishonest minions an excuse to repeat their bogus claims about his innocence in the Russia scandal? Mission accomplished.



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Miley Vasquez, 9, waits with her family and other migrants in Matamoros, Mexico, near the U.S. border.

LEÓN KRAUZE

The real immigration tragedy

Despite all the recent media attention on what the expiration of Title 42 means for the humanitarian crisis on the U.S. side of the border, the real calamity is unfolding in Mexico. Immigration might well become the central issue of the next presidential campaign. If that is the case, the American public needs to understand the true scope of the ongoing tragedy. Only then can a workable solution take shape.

News reports are highlighting harrowing images from northern Mexico. American reporters and activists have begun to appreciate the dire conditions faced by impoverished and forgotten immigrants stuck on the banks of the Rio Bravo in makeshift camps without services — or hope.

On Friday, hours after the Title 42 border policy expired, Amy Fischer, advocacy director for the Americas at Amnesty International USA, tweeted a picture of a makeshift tent in Matamoros, across the border from Brownsville, Tex. "You can hear a baby coughing and crying for her mom from inside. These are the conditions that families with small children have to live in," Fischer wrote. "This is the real crisis — a humanitarian one."

But none of this is new. Mexican journalists have been closely covering this deplorable situation for months.

In Matamoros, the encampments have long been ground zero for disease, violence and myriad other indignities. And it's getting worse. My Univision colleague Jorge Ramos reported from the city's migrant settlements in recent days. "I am outraged by the way immigrants are being treated in Mexico," he told me. "They live in campsites without water, covered in garbage and excrement. The children are in rags and full of infections. And nobody does anything."

In Mexican cities across the border, shelters that support migrants are overwhelmed by the number of people seeking help. This is happening in other places, including Mexico City, where authorities recently closed down a derelict encampment that nonetheless was crucial for the survival of more than 800 people. Shelters' lack of capacity to provide for all the migrants' needs explains, in part, the terrible conditions migrants face in Matamoros, Ciudad Juárez and Tijuana. This is not the shelters' fault. They are doing the best they can with very little government support.

Mexico and the United States are both issuing threatening statements meant to deter people considering the dangerous trip. But those threats are not likely to have an effect, as a second, contradictory narrative is also taking shape.

In a recent interview, Secretary of State Antony Blinken suggested that Mexico might be a good final destination for those looking to leave their homes. "In Mexico, for example, right now, there are, in parts of the country, labor shortages that they're interested in meeting through migration." He went on to suggest that though some parts of Mexico might be perilous, others offer safety for immigrants. "It's, as you know, a vast country," Blinken insisted.

This is irresponsible rhetoric.

For one, Mexico is far from safe. It is considerably more dangerous than the United States, particularly for immigrants, who have suffered abuses and humiliation that, in some cases, defy imagination. Federal and state officials in Mexico have systematically left immigrants, especially children, defenseless. The United States might not be able to address any of these issues directly, but it should not play any part in exacerbating an already desperate situation.

The Biden administration needs to find better ways to expedite asylum claims. The backlog in the U.S. immigration bureaucracy is daunting, and no easy fixes appear within reach. But too few resources have been expended on solutions that could help mitigate the crisis. For example, the controversial CBP One app, through which potential refugees can request scarce appointments at the border, seems designed to frustrate rather than help immigrants.

Beyond that, both Mexico and the United States should be working tirelessly to implement concrete financial aid programs to help shelters improve or expand their facilities to care for migrants.

Additionally, officials need to guarantee minimum security and dignity for the thousands of people who arrive at the border or who have been sent back to Mexico while they wait for a fair opportunity to seek asylum.

This is a moral imperative. While misery and despair might dissuade people from journeying to the border, deterrence cannot be synonymous with cruelty. If nothing is done, sooner or later catastrophe will strike again.

Why Ukraine hasn't counterattacked just yet

BY MARK HERTLING

After months of near-daily coverage on the World War I-style fighting between Ukraine's army and various Russian units near Bakhmut, the anticipated Ukrainian spring offensive will likely occur soon. How soon? It's impossible to tell. It could kick off within days or within weeks. Those speculating on exactly when such an attack might take place need to understand the complex challenge facing Ukrainian forces.

As a professional soldier, Ukrainian Gen. Valery Zaluzhny knows he holds only two major advantages when going on the offensive: picking the time and the place of the attack. He knows that after launching tens of thousands of soldiers against the Russian army — a force that has been preparing defensive positions for months — it's impossible to call them back. Perhaps that's one reason Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, after visiting his troops the night before the D-Day invasion, returned to his drafty cottage to write a note taking full responsibility for the failure of the Normandy landings, if that were to be the outcome. Luckily, that invasion was successful.

For the past several months — possibly ever since last summer after the successful Ukrainian offensive in Kharkiv Oblast — Zaluzhny and his commanders have been planning this offensive. He has been studying intelligence reports, probing Russian lines, getting his special operators in key positions, targeting enemy headquarters and supplies, and messaging resistance fighters behind enemy lines.

But the most difficult thing Zaluzhny needed to do during this long period was generate combat power needed for the attack. He needed to synchronize the ongoing mobilization with his allies, who were training and equipping his force in locations all around the world.

He then needed to coordinate the movement of those forces back into Ukraine — and then on to staging grounds near where Ukraine's army will try to make its breakthrough. Such a complex task would be daunting for even the very best commander.

Ukraine is a large country, and the front is very long. Getting all these units into position is in military jargon called RSOI: Reception, Staging, Onward movement and Integration. Even for the most elite U.S. forces, this is a challenge that is practiced repeatedly at all U.S. training centers. Individual Ukrainian soldiers have proved themselves very good at adapting to new Western kit and accomplishing impossible tasks on the battlefield. But getting RSOI right requires coordinated and synchronized *team* performance. As one of my mentors once described it to me: "It's like converting piles of different puzzle pieces into combat-ready units, then moving them all over the battlefield."

Once Zaluzhny has integrated the freshly trained forces into his command and moved the units back to the front for the anticipated offensive, his task will be to execute. In the attack, he must get his troops across the Dnieper River, only to face a Russian enemy that — while still dysfunctional and poorly led — has had months to prepare. A complex set of obstacles and an intimidating series of defensive belts and potential "kill zones" await in Kherson and Zaporizhzhia oblasts. The Russians might have an advantage in occupying these static defensive positions, but only if their soldiers decide to fight.

Offensive operations require more forces, greater maneuver dexterity, precision targeting and firing, and both longer and more secure supply lines. Ukraine's army has not executed anything like this on this scale. In my experience in training and combat, it is extremely difficult for even a savvy and well-trained force to mass combat power at multiple decisive points of the attack. But that is what Ukraine's army must do.

I predict Zaluzhny and his forces will eventually liberate most — if not all — of the land occupied by the Russians in this offensive. I know the Ukrainian army, and I also know the Russian army, and there is no doubt in my mind that will be the ultimate result of this offensive campaign. But it is impossible to say with any certainty how exactly it will play out. We can assume it will be a difficult fight. It will severely test the newly assembled Ukrainian force. It will result in many tragic casualties on both sides. And it will strain Russian President Vladimir Putin's will.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky will also need to prepare for what happens after these initial battles. Ukrainian civilians in the occupied territory will need humanitarian assistance. Massive demining operations will be necessary, as the Russians have been scattering mines and cluster munitions across fields in anticipation of the counteroffensive. And criminally damaged infrastructure will need to be rebuilt. The World Bank has recently estimated the current cost of rebuilding at around $411 billion, and the final figure is sure to be much higher.

NATO and the United States must also prepare to continue supporting Ukraine's military indefinitely. All wars end in some type of political agreement, but Russia is unlikely to be satiated. And if the past is any guide, its commitments cannot be trusted. Even with a decimated military, Russia will attempt to rebuild, and Ukraine will remain vulnerable.

Peace and victory will come to Ukraine. But these things will likely not come easy, nor will they be lasting. For those reasons, the West must continue its support.

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CATHERINE RAMPELL

GOP debt bill would break government

The GOP House's debt-limit-and-spending-cuts bill does a lot of things to sabotage the basic functions of government. It decimates spending on safety-net programs. It creates more red tape to block Americans from accessing services they're legally eligible for. And it makes it harder for government to fund itself in the first place.

But perhaps the most destructive, least noticed part of the bill is a provision that would force virtually all federal regulatory machinery to grind to a halt.

Tucked into Republicans' debt-limit-ransom bill is some legislative language that has been kicking around Capitol Hill for a while, known as the Reins Act. If enacted, the law would prevent "major" agency regulations — somewhere around 80 to 100 per year — from going into effect unless Congress first approves each and every one.

To be clear, under current law, Congress already has the ability to rescind regulations it dislikes. This new bill would essentially change the default, so that no major regulation could take effect before Congress gave its blessing.

This change might sound reasonable. After all, tons of American problems have been dumped at the feet of executive branch agencies (guns, immigration, health costs, etc.).

It would be great if federal lawmakers got more involved in trying to solve literally any of them.

But if you think about how Congress actually functions (or rather, doesn't), you'll realize this is not an earnest attempt to get lawmakers to roll up their sleeves and conquer the Big Issues. It's about throwing sand in the gears of the executive branch so that *no one* can solve any issue. Ever.

There are two main reasons Congress currently delegates certain regulatory issues to executive branch agencies such as the Food and Drug Administration or the Securities and Exchange Commission.

First, some policy questions are technically challenging. What amount of arsenic in the air is "safe"? What should be the technical standards for mammography equipment? How should the Volcker Rule be implemented in practice? As talented and hard-working as congressional staff are, they might not have the time or expertise to make informed decisions about such minutiae. Agency scientists or other subject-matter experts are tapped to weigh evidence, solicit input from the public, hold hearings, etc., to execute the objectives Congress has enacted.

The second reason is political.

There are plenty of policy questions that Congress has technical capacity to resolve but might prefer not to. Maybe lawmakers can't come to an agreement within their caucus. Maybe they know that whatever they choose to do will be unpopular.

So: They punt, and make it some other government functionary's problem.

For example, Congress has been unable to pass significant immigration reform in more than three decades, leaving the executive branch to address migration-related problems in sometimes legally tenuous ways (see: the legal limbo of so-called dreamers, or former president Donald Trump's unfunded border wall). Congress has all but abdicated many of its basic responsibilities to other branches of government, such as passing a budget, setting tariffs and deciding on abortion rights.

Or, you know, making sure the federal government doesn't default on its debt. Apparently even some Republicans are now rooting for President Biden to direct Treasury to mint a new, $1 trillion platinum coin to pay off government expenses or adopt some other deus-ex-machination.

Now, are all the rules and regulations put into place by the executive branch perfect, or even good? Obviously not.

But it's hard to see how inserting Congress into the tail end of the process — given that Congress can barely pass a bill to name a post office — will make our already convoluted, protracted regulatory process better. Instead, it might block any major rule change from happening ever again.

And before my libertarian friends start celebrating the new laissez-faire utopia that awaits, note that the GOP bill would make it harder to *deregulate*, too. Or to update old regulations when technological change or other new economic conditions warrant. Any significant rule change, in any direction, would require congressional debate and approval.

The GOP's bill could also create even more regulatory uncertainty, as University of Michigan law professor Nicholas Bagley pointed out.

Agencies might decide not to invest the years, resources and public engagement required to produce new regulations, given that the fruits of their labor might never get through Congress. As a result, regulators might switch to less transparent and ultimately more arbitrary methods for assessing corporate behavior. For example, they might move toward making decisions case by case, rather than laying out crisp, clear rules. That would make it more difficult for businesses to figure out how to reliably stay on the right side of the law.

In other words, apparently not content with breaking Congress, Congress now wants to break the rest of government, too.

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JOHN KELLY'S WASHINGTON
After a trash collection error, a Friendship Heights resident wades through bureaucratic muck. **B3**



THE DISTRICT
The D.C. Council moves to reverse several budget cuts proposed by Mayor Muriel E. Bowser. **B5**



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Retired Gen. Gary Prado Salmón, 84, captured revolutionary Che Guevara in the Bolivian jungle. **B6**

Staff attack preceded by another incident

Police say suspect chased woman before heading to Connolly's Va. office

BY **OLIVIA DIAZ** AND **JUSTIN JOUVENAL**

A man who authorities say attacked two staffers at the Fairfax City office of Rep. Gerald E. Connolly (D-Va.) with a metal baseball bat Monday was involved in another violent incident shortly before the high-profile attack, asking a woman about her race and then chasing her with a bat, Fairfax County police said Tuesday.

Xuan Pham, 49, of Fairfax County approached the woman Monday morning near Maylock Lane and Point Pleasant Drive, not far from Connolly's district office and the home where Pham lived, police said. Pham asked the woman if she was White, then chased her until she retreated into her car, police said.

Pham then hit the woman's windshield with a baseball bat and ran away, police said. Video of the incident obtained by CNN shows Pham running after a screaming woman with the bat on the lawn of a home, before he retreats.

Fairfax County police said the incident happened at 10:37 a.m., and officers were dispatched at 10:41 a.m. By the time officers arrived — at 10:53 a.m., according to the Fairfax County police — Pham had already left the scene and gone to Connolly's district office, which is about five miles away in Fairfax City.

Pham has been charged with felony aggravated malicious wounding and malicious wounding in the incident in Connolly's office. He is facing hate-crime-related assault and felony destruction of property charges in the earlier incident, police said. He was scheduled to make his

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D.C. City Administrator Kevin Donahue, D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D), D.C. Police Chief Robert J. Contee III and Matthew Graves, the U.S. attorney for the District, are sworn in Tuesday to testify before the House Oversight Committee.

Senate vote to block policing bill signals frayed D.C.-Congress ties

Disapproval resolution, probably symbolic given Biden's veto threat, still reflects most aggressive oversight of city in years

BY **MEAGAN FLYNN**, **EMILY DAVIES** AND **ELLIE SILVERMAN**

Congress has voted to reject D.C.'s police accountability legislation, the second time this year that a D.C. bill has been swatted down on Capitol Hill. But President Biden has already threatened to veto the measure disapproving of the policing bill, making Tuesday's action largely symbolic.

The Senate vote took place just as Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) and other city leaders departed a House Oversight Committee hearing across the street, where Republicans grilled them about crime and public safety. The back-to-back congressional actions in both chambers underscored the thorny environment the District must contend with in Congress this year — and at a critical time for the mayor and D.C., as she seeks to revitalize downtown and quell violent crime, issues she asked members of Congress on Tuesday to work with her to address.

The disapproval resolution passed by a vote of 56 to 43. Eight senators — six Democrats and two independents who caucus with them, Kyrsten Sinema (Ariz.) and Angus King (Maine) — joined Republicans in voting to block D.C.'s Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act, legislation crafted in the aftermath of George Floyd's killing at the hands of Minneapolis police. The policing legislation, most of which has already been in effect on a temporary basis, restricts certain policing tactics, prevents the hiring of officers with past misconduct, and expands public access to police disciplinary records and body-camera footage in excessive-force incidents, among other things. The GOP-controlled House voted to reject the legislation last month.

SEE **OVERSIGHT** ON **B5**



Bowser and House Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer (R-Ky.), above, opened Tuesday's hearing by finding agreement on reducing crime and bringing more D.C.-based federal workers back to the office.

Russian cyber suspect charged

D.C. POLICE AMONG ALLEGED TARGETS

Ransomware campaign played out in 2021

BY **SPENCER S. HSU**, **AARON SCHAFFER** AND **TIM STARKS**

Federal authorities announced criminal charges, economic sanctions and a $10 million reward Tuesday for information leading to the arrest of a Russian accused of participating in a global ransomware campaign called Babuk, whose victims allegedly included D.C. police, an airline and other American industries.

The Treasury Department imposed an economic ban on financial dealings with Mikhail Matveev, calling him a central figure in launching cyberattacks against U.S. law enforcement, businesses and critical infrastructure in 2021.

"The United States will not tolerate ransomware attacks against our people and our institutions," said Brian E. Nelson, undersecretary of the treasury for terrorism and financial intelligence. "Ransomware actors like Matveev will be held accountable for their crimes, and we will continue to use all available authorities and tools to defend against cyberthreats."

According to analysis conducted by Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, 75 percent of ransomware-related incidents reported between July and December 2021 were linked to Russia, its proxies or people acting on its behalf. Matveev is a "key actor" in that system, the department said, helping develop and deploy Russian-linked ransomware variants such as Hive, LockBit and Babuk, with Hive alone targeting more than 1,500 victims in more than 80 countries. The attack targeted hospitals, school districts, financial firms and other critical infrastructure, the department said.

Matveev has also given interviews, disclosed source code to online criminals and said his activities are tolerated by local authorities provided he remains loyal to Russia, the department said.

SEE **RANSOMWARE** ON **B3**

Facing lane delays, D.C. bikers just pedal on



Courtland Milloy

Looks like D.C. bicycle advocates have hit a snag in their plan to conquer the roads. City officials recently shelved both a proposed bike-friendly overhaul of Connecticut Avenue and a planned makeover of K Street that originally included bike lanes.

Bike lane opponents in other parts of the city have been hoping that something might be done to slow the biker juggernaut.

A manager at Frager's Hardware store on Pennsylvania Avenue SE said the bike lanes and a dedicated bus lane there were installed on the block without any notice. The store's on-street loading zone and all the parking spaces on that block were gone overnight.

On a recent drive through the area, cars were parked in the bus-only lane, while other vehicles blocked a through-lane on Pennsylvania Avenue. A Frager's customer with the trunk of his car open kept an eye out for passing cars while he stood in the street loading bags of fertilizer. A pizza business that had been set to open earlier

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Md. eases path to clear criminal records, halving wait times



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Harold Coleman, right, and Christopher Dews at the Maryland State House in Annapolis for the signing of a bill that reduces the waiting period for people to request an expungement.

For proponents, law is a long-awaited change to expungement rules

BY **OVETTA WIGGINS**

During the past 14 years he spent working in maintenance for the Maryland Transportation Authority, Harold Coleman, 54, has thought of seeking professional advancement.

But his options are limited, he explained to state lawmakers this year, because of a burglary charge he incurred while homeless on the streets of Baltimore.

Any hope of clearing his permanent record by expungement would have to wait until Oct. 4, 2024 — 15 years after he completed his entire sentence, including his parole. Had he lived in most other states, Coleman could have gone before a judge to ask years ago.

"I've excelled," Coleman told the panel of lawmakers, which was weighing changes to those wait times. "I'm trying to move forward, set an example for the people that's coming up behind me."

They listened. And on Tuesday, Gov. Wes Moore (D) signed into law changes to bring Maryland's conservative expungement rules in line with the state's philosophical shift away from '90s-era "tough on crime" policies that left Black people disproportionately incarcerated. Proponents of the legislation, which halves wait times to apply for expungements of nonviolent convictions, say the change is long overdue. But prosecutors and Republican lawmakers — even those who support second chances in concept — said the measure sends the wrong message as reducing crime remains a top concern.

"It's a pretty big deal," said Christopher Dews, a lobbyist working for Baltimore-based criminal justice advocacy groups Out for Justice and the Job Opportunities Task Force. "It's the most expansive expungement bill that we have had in almost a decade."

Under the new law, anyone convicted of qualifying misdemeanors could apply to expunge their record five years after their

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VIRGINIA

Youngkin hails VMI grads, avoids talk of equity efforts

Diversity initiatives have sharply divided alumni of military college

BY IAN SHAPIRA

LEXINGTON, VA. — Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin hailed graduates of the Virginia Military Institute in a commencement speech Tuesday that avoided any mention of the battle over diversity, equity and inclusion that has polarized VMI's alumni for the past 18 months.

Instead Youngkin (R), an outspoken opponent of equity in Virginia's public schools, focused on how VMI had prepared its Class of 2023 to answer the question: "Who am I?"

The governor invoked two of VMI's greatest alums, Gen. George Marshall, one of World War II's most renowned military leaders, and Jonathan Daniels, who gave his life during the civil rights movement to protect a Black teenager in Alabama.

Youngkin's remarks at VMI, the nation's oldest state-supported military college, came one day after Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) signed a law defunding DEI programs at Florida's public colleges. And it came on the heels of a controversial training session at VMI by Youngkin's chief diversity officer, Martin D. Brown, who told faculty and staff last month that "DEI is dead" — a statement that prompted calls by Black lawmakers for his resignation.

But Youngkin, who was endorsed by conservative alumni opposed to VMI's diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives, did not address the topic at all.

At the beginning of the ceremony, held inside the school's basketball arena, Cameron Hall, Youngkin and the college's first Black superintendent, retired Army Maj. Gen. Cedric T. Wins, walked out together, side by side. The audience stood and cheered. About 40 minutes into the ceremony, after speeches by Wins, the elected valedictorian and the senior class president, Youngkin took the lectern.

He began by thanking those in the class who helped lead the parade at his gubernatorial inauguration in Richmond in January 2022.

He also reminisced about his trip this month to VMI's barracks, where, in his capacity as the commander in chief of the corps, he granted "amnesty" to students with unserved penalty marching tours and campus confinement.

"I loved meeting with all the students. But I have not had a more memorable experience than touring, seeing the barracks, talking with many cadets, hearing your experiences that have shaped your lives over the last four years. In fact, when I walked into the old barracks, it was overwhelming to be greeted with so much cheering. I like to think it had something to do with me being your most favorite governor," Youngkin said, with the crowd's laughs turning into applause. "But yes, I'll have to admit it probably had more to do with me granting you amnesty and wiping your demerit boards clean."

He reminded the senior class that they launched their VMI careers in the same building as freshman "rats" four years ago, sitting with their families "with trepidation" before they began the college's "rat line," a months-long boot-camp-style initiation of intense workouts.



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In his remarks at the Virginia Military Institute commencement ceremony in Lexington, Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) praised the "strength and perseverance" of the Class of 2023.

"Your journey began here in Cameron Hall almost four years ago," Youngkin said. "You made your way down to the start of the rat line and committed your lives to something greater than yourselves, and it's a testament to your strength and perseverance that you have made it to the finish line. Congratulations to the Class of 2023."

When the class began at VMI in August 2019, it had 515 students. At graduation, it had a little more than 300 cadets.

Youngkin paid homage to the class's hardships.

During Thanksgiving break in their first semester of freshman year, their classmate Jamison Clark was killed in a car accident. Then, the next semester, they endured the start of the coronavirus pandemic. Youngkin also made an oblique reference to the independent investigation into the college's racial climate ordered in late 2020 by his predecessor, Gov. Ralph Northam (D), a VMI alum.

"This class is unlike any other," he said. "You have endured the pandemic, and you have dealt with distractions that were not of your own making."

In fact, the last time VMI hosted a governor's speech, it was Northam. He spoke to cadets in November 2021 and said that for VMI to succeed, it needed to stay committed to diversity and making sure "all cadets, faculty and staff, feel safe and welcome."

Other Virginia governors who have delivered the commencement address at VMI include John Pollard in 1931, Linwood Holton in 1972, Mills Godwin in 1977, Mark R. Warner in 2005 and Tim Kaine in 2007, according to the college's spokesman, Bill Wyatt.

Youngkin spent a portion of his speech extolling Daniels, a 1961 VMI graduate who was slain while protesting segregation in the South during the civil rights movement.

Daniels, a White seminarian, was fatally shot in 1965 when he and a Black teenager approached a convenience store in central Alabama. They tried to enter the building, but a White man — a state highway employee and volunteer sheriff's deputy — threatened them with a shotgun. As gunfire rang out, Daniels pushed the Black girl, Ruby Sales, out of the way, taking the blast and dying instantly.

"When Jonathan received his diploma, he, too, was asking the question, 'Who am I?'" Youngkin said, adding that Daniels had given the valedictorian speech at VMI more than six decades earlier. "He was in Alabama doing his duty as he believed God called him to do. He was selflessly looking out for others, and there is nothing more honorable than giving one's life for another."

Youngkin ended the speech by praising the large number of cadets entering the Army, Marine Corps, Air Force, Navy, Space Force and Coast Guard.

"You will be whatever you resolve to be," the governor told the cadets, invoking a version of a maxim engraved on VMI's barracks. "Through all walks of life you will forge a better, more perfect union because you are from VMI. So, in the next chapter, be confident in your answer to the question, 'Who am I?' Be witnesses to what you have learned here. You have worked hard, probably harder than any students anywhere in the nation."

Md. lawmakers reduce wait times for those looking to clear criminal records

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sentence is completed; those convicted of specific nonviolent felonies could apply after seven years. More than 70,00 people applied for expungements in 2019, according to an analysis of the bill by the Department of Legislative Services, and the changes could open up the process to tens of thousands of Marylanders with charges ranging from felony burglary to misdemeanor prostitution and second-degree assault (more commonly known as assault and battery).

After a sentence is completed, including parole, probation and mandatory supervision, applicants would petition the court where the original case was held for an expungement. The process takes about 90 days from the filing of the petition, and a prosecutor has 30 days to object to a request.

Champions of the law expect it to have an outsize influence on Black people, who, according to state legislative reports, make up about 30 percent of the overall state population but roughly 70 percent of the prison population.

While some liberal lawmakers say the legislation does not go far enough and should encompass more serious convictions, opponents question whether too much attention has been put on the needs of those who have committed crimes at the expense of crime prevention.

At issue for prosecutors, Baltimore County State's Attorney Scott Shellenberger said, is what happens if someone whose convictions have been wiped away is charged again. Anyone with an expunged record can answer "no" truthfully in court if a judge asks whether they've been convicted, he said.

"You are allowed to say no. So you could be in a courtroom for that third burglary and . . . you can you can say, 'No, I've never been convicted' because the expungement takes it away," he said. "And that's one of the reasons why I had advocated for what we call shielding. And that is if you can't get a job because you had a bar fight seven years ago, well, then let's just shield it from the public view. But don't hide it from the police, the judges and the prosecutors."

Political clashes over competing visions for public safety have escalated in recent years in Maryland and across the country as a pandemic-era uptick in crime ran up against reform efforts rooted in public outcry after the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis three years ago.



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State Sen. Jeff Waldstreicher (D-Montgomery) at the Maryland State House last month. He sponsored legislation, which was signed into law on Tuesday, that halves the waiting period for those seeking to apply for expungements of nonviolent convictions.

"This is just another example, candidly, of the attitude here, which is that we always need to be looking out for how we can take care of those who have committed crimes and make things more fair for them . . . instead of really going after and doing things to strengthen our laws in dealing with those committing criminal offenses," state Senate Minority Leader Justin Ready (R-Carroll) said during the debate.

A Goucher College poll released this month found that 83 percent of Marylanders said it was "extremely" or "very" important for Moore to reduce crime during his first term. It was one of the leading concerns among residents.

In recent years, the state has enacted laws barring colleges from asking prospective students about their criminal histories; removing the governor from the decision on whether to grant parole to individuals serving life sentences; and abolishing life without parole for those who committed crimes as juveniles. Last year, in advance of legalizing cannabis, a measure was passed to allow people who were arrested for marijuana possession to have their records expunged after three years and others serving time for simple possession to get their sentences reconsidered. All of this builds on the Maryland Second Chance Act, a bipartisan effort eight years ago to shield certain nonviolent misdemeanor criminal records from public view, making it easier for formerly incarcerated people to get a job.

Those revisions left many surprised by Maryland's wait time for record expungement, ranked 42nd longest nationally by the Collateral Consequences Resource Center, an advocacy group that works on criminal justice initiatives.

"All I got to say is dang because I always thought Maryland was progressive," Mary Denise Davis, chief attorney with the Office of the Public Defender, said after state Sen. Jeff Waldstreicher (D-Montgomery), the bill sponsor, presented the national statistics. "But that chart does not make us look very progressive."

When proposing the bill, Waldstreicher said he thought about how much time former offenders lose.

"You commit a nonviolent felony at 20 and not have that expunged until you're 40 years old," he said. "I'm 43. Between age 20 and 43, I've gotten married, purchased two houses and had three kids. That's a lot of living. And that is impacted by a criminal record."

Waldstreicher saw the measure as the next logical next step to the state's passage seven years ago of the Justice Reinvestment Act, a bipartisan law that sent people charged with drug possession to treatment instead of prison and created a list of nonviolent crimes that would be eligible for expungement.

"Maryland law should not be the reason that returning citizens are locked out of employment over a decade after they have repaid their debts to society," he said. "By cutting the waiting period, it provides greater access to the resources that ex-offenders need to get back into the mainstream economy."

For the most part, the measure uses the expungable crimes that are outlined in the Justice Reinvestment Act and, despite efforts from liberal lawmakers and advocates, does not expand them to include violent crimes. The House of Delegates did amend the bill to include malicious destruction, which includes spraying graffiti, and to allow an offender to receive an expungement even if they cannot afford the court costs.

State Sen. William G. Folden (R-Frederick) voted for the initial bill but opposed the amended version because he said it was rewritten to advance a liberal agenda. He didn't support allowing an expungement if fees and court costs aren't paid.

"They keep trying to needle things through, and it just gets to be like, 'This is enough,' " he said.

"We're trying to help you out. But now they're going to say that if you didn't do any of your fees or costs, you don't have to worry about those either," he said. "I mean, we just can't keep doing that. People have to take responsibility and be accountable for their actions at some point . . . It's just gotten beyond ridiculous."

For Coleman, the measure would help him continue to turn his life around — something he said he has worked hard to do.

He ties his criminal activity to growing up in a Baltimore home with a drug-addicted mother. He began using as a teenager, then started selling drugs. Years later, he became homeless, which led to him burglarizing homes, he said.

He got his current job after someone he knew pulled some strings. There he is friends with police officers and others who have never interacted with law enforcement.

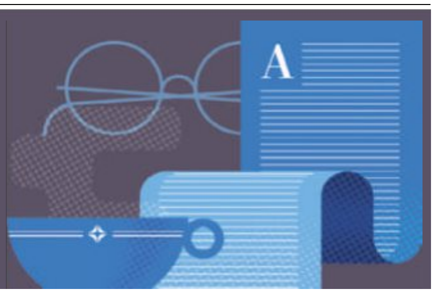
"They all live a clean life. And you feel out of place because you feel like, 'Well, damn, I want to be like that,' " Coleman said in an interview.

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Catchy tune: Free tickets to Jenny Lewis on July 22 at The Anthem

The singer-songwriter/actor will drop fifth album *Joy'All* on June 9. Included: new single Psychos and the previously released Puppy and a Truck. The record follows 2019's *On the Line*, a "beautifully-realized and impeccably-delivered effort" (drownedinsound.com). "While *Joy'All* pulls from a bounty of sonic inspiration — from classic soul to '90s R&B, as well as country and classic singer-songwriter records — the album's rich and intimate, warm live sound is the hallmark of eight-time Grammy-winning producer Dave Cobb" (store.bluenote.com).

See details at washingtonpost.com/my-post.



LOCAL DIGEST

THE DISTRICT

Former police union official guilty of fraud

A former vice chairman of the D.C. police union pleaded guilty Monday to fraudulently taking pay from D.C. police while secretly working a second job at Whole Foods Market.

Seated next to his attorney in D.C. Superior Court, Medgar Webster Sr. pleaded guilty to first-degree felony fraud in connection with the theft that federal prosecutors say occurred between Jan. 11, 2021, and April 2, 2022.

Webster, 52, was arrested and charged in early February. A few weeks later, he retired after 33 years with the department, a D.C. police spokesman said.

According to prosecutors, while working for D.C. police, Webster simultaneously collected pay for a job at Whole Foods stores in the 1400 block of P Street NW, the 100 Block of H Street SE and the 200 block of I Street NW.

Officers sometimes work security jobs for businesses, but prosecutors said D.C. police supervisors never approved Webster's outside employment at the stores, and Webster reported the hours he was there as overtime for the city.

After a prosecutor outlined the details of the case, Judge Errol Arthur asked Webster how he planned to plead.

"Guilty, your honor," Webster said.

As part of his plea, Webster faces up to 10 years in prison. He also agreed to repay D.C. police nearly $34,000. He is scheduled to be sentenced July 25.

A D.C. police spokesman declined to comment on the case. The D.C. police union did not immediately respond to messages. Webster's attorney, Gayle L. Terry, also did not respond to calls or emails.

— Keith L. Alexander

VIRGINIA

Three fatally stabbed at Pr. William home

Three adults were fatally stabbed Tuesday in a Prince William County house, according to a county police spokeswoman, who described the incident as an apparent domestic situation.

"We're not entirely clear on all the events leading up to this," said the spokeswoman, Officer Renee Carr. "At this time, the three parties believed to be involved in the altercation are accounted for and there is no known threat to the community."

She said someone in the house, in the county's Woodbridge area, called 911 about 7 a.m. to report the stabbings. When officers arrived at the brick residence, in the 5100 block of Cannon Bluff Drive, Carr said, they found a 70-year-old woman dead and two men, ages 67 and 38, seriously injured. She said the men died at a hospital.

The three were family members whose names were not made public, pending notification of other relatives, Carr said. She said no one else was inside the house.

— Paul Duggan

In Friendship Heights, the house the trash collectors forgot



John Kelly's Washington

Linda ReVeal lives on the sort of block that is quintessentially Washington, a city whose north-south and east-west streets are enlivened by the occasional diagonal street. This creates odd little triangles. The house Linda and her husband, **John**, have lived in since 2010 is the only one on their particular right-angled triangle, a block enclosed by Western Avenue, Fessenden Street and 47th Street NW in Friendship Heights.

That singular distinction may be to blame for the rigmarole Linda's been through over the years and especially lately. Sometimes, the District's Department of Public Works (DPW) forgets to pick up her trash. There's no alley behind her house, which is where many of her neighbors put their trash cans. And it doesn't help that Fort Bayard Park is across one street and the state of Maryland is across another. At times it can seem as though her house is in the Bermuda Triangle.

On Thursdays, Linda puts her household's trash can out at the corner of 47th and Fessenden. For whatever reason, it's occasionally been missed. In the past, Linda just called the DPW crew supervisor, who would tell her to leave the trash can out and a truck would come by to pick it up, usually by the next day.

But one day in the spring of 2022, that didn't happen. Linda called DPW and was told, she said, to leave the trash can on the street. A week went by. The trash was missed. She called and was told the same thing. Then *another* week went by. The trash was left behind again. Linda didn't bring the can into the driveway near the house, because she knew the trash guys wouldn't pick it up there.



JOHN REVEAL

Linda ReVeal outside her Northwest Washington home, the only house on a triangular block on the border with Maryland. The Department of Public Works has sometimes neglected to pick up her trash.

Finally, after three weeks, the supervisor came and emptied the trash can himself into his pickup truck. But before that happened, a DPW inspector had cited the ReVeals for "failing to maintain adjoining public space in a clean condition," a violation of Section 702.2 of the D.C. Code. The fine was $75.

The ticket that was issued had a section allowing Linda to admit to the infraction, but with an explanation. That's the box she ticked, explaining that she was just following orders. She included all the emails that had gone back and forth with DPW on the issue. She figured that would be the end of it.

But about nine months later Linda received a five-page document from the District's Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). **Judge Angela S. Robinson** wrote that though Linda had repeatedly contacted DPW about her trash being missed — and was told to leave the bin out for further collection — an overflowing bin "creates a nuisance, attracts insects and rodents, and makes it difficult for DPW to empty the bin without manually touching the contents."

Furthermore, the judge wrote, the regulation imposes strict liability on homeowners, regardless of why the trash is there. In a ruling that struck Linda as a little short of Solomonic, the judge reduced the fine to $15.

"When I got the court order, it just made my head blow off the top of my body," said Linda, who nevertheless paid the fine. It seemed to her that some bureaucratic mechanism was just grinding on, heedless of the actual facts.

Linda told me that every time she spoke with an actual person, they were helpful and understanding. But, she said, "My instinct is the whole process has just evolved with no oversight. . . . What makes this so infuriating for me is all the resources that were spent on this."

The Office of Administrative Hearings told me it does not comment on individual cases. I contacted DPW, which acknowledged a "point of collection" issue with Linda's house. In an emailed statement, agencies officials wrote, "This issue has since been resolved and there have been no complaints of missed trash collection at this address in the year since it initially occurred."

The statement continued: "Moving forward, DPW's Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program will continue to work closely with its collections division to avoid such mishaps in the future. The resident received a complete refund after the DC Office of Administrative Hearing recognized the resident should not have been fined."

In a second order, the same OAH judge rescinded the fine. Linda is awaiting her $15 refund.

Linda's trash gets picked up on Thursdays. Her neighbors across the street in Montgomery County get their trash picked on Fridays. Maybe, I suggested, she could just roll her bin across Western Avenue?

"I would get in trouble for sure if I tried that," she said.

Russian is charged in cyberattack listing D.C. police among victims

RANSOMWARE FROM B1

In Washington, a newly unsealed indictment alleged that Matveev, 30, of Kaliningrad, and using the online monikers Wazawaka, m1x, Broriscelcin and Uhodiransomwar, committed intentional damage to a protected computer and threats relating to a protected computer. Each charge is punishable by up to 10 years in prison. Matveev was charged with similar crimes in a federal indictment in New Jersey.

"Data theft and extortion attempts by ransomware groups are corrosive, cynical attacks on key institutions and the good people behind them as they go about their business and serve the public," Matthew Graves, U.S. attorney for D.C., said in a statement with James Dennehy, FBI Newark special agent in charge. "Thanks to exceptional work by our partners here, we identified and charged this culprit."

According to the indictment, Matveev and Babuk conspirators deployed Babuk ransomware against D.C. police on April 26, 2021, infecting department computer systems, stealing data and extorting the police agency, threatening disclosure of sensitive information unless payment was made, causing at least $5,000 in losses.

Babuk emerged in early 2021 and made contact with D.C. police that April, claiming it had files containing information about gangs and the identities of confidential informants.

After negotiations with District officials broke down, hackers apparently posted stolen documents, including confidential files that could reveal names of suspected gang members and witnesses, and more than three dozen daily intelligence briefings for the chief of police, including raw intelligence on threats after the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. The group earlier made public internal files dealing with job candidates.

Files chosen included a job applicant's résumé, a map of the locations of sex crimes, information on the use of facial recognition software, street interview tactics and personal information of more than two dozen officers collected when they applied to the force.

Brian Krebs, author of the Krebs on Security blog, identified Wazawaka in January 2022 as a major access broker in the Russian-speaking cybercrime scene who initially sold distributed denial-of-service attacks that could cripple websites for $80 a day before becoming a middleman selling access to organizations and to databases stolen from hacked companies. He claimed that one ransomware affiliate program paid him roughly $500,000 in commissions for the six months leading up to September 2020.

The Babuk source code was leaked in September 2021, leading other threat actors to adopt or share its code in attacks in the United States and elsewhere across industries, analysts reported this year.

Because the United States and Russia do not have an extradition treaty, the criminal charges may not end up putting Matveev behind bars but could serve a "name and shame" purpose and deter others, experts said.

"Russia is not going to hand him over," said ransomware expert Allan Liska of the cyber firm Recorded Future. "He's likely not going to face justice, unless he's dumb enough to vacation in Poland."

But the impunity enjoyed by ransomware criminals — who rely on multiple aliases and decentralized networks to obscure their role in specific attacks — has led them to become more brazen, Liska said.

"This generation of ransomware actors that have been around for a while feel like they are untouchable," he said. "So they do things like engage with researchers, do interviews, open Twitter accounts — because they don't feel like it matters."

Law enforcement agencies have stepped up international collaboration to identify those behind an attack, leading the perpetrators to spend more time and effort to hide their activities, said John Carlin, a former top Justice Department national security official in the Obama and Biden administrations.

The biggest challenge for imprisoning a ransomware criminal remains the havens that nations like Russia, China, North Korea and Iran may offer them, said Carlin, now co-head of the cybersecurity and data protection practice at Paul Weiss and a partner in its litigation department.

Still, Matveev has proven unpopular with some of his peers in the ransomware world, once describing in an interview with Liska's firm how he took control of the attack on D.C. police from an affiliate, who then began to threaten him.

"Russian underground forums are all in a tizzy," Liska said, worried about what the charges against Matveev could mean for others.

That may be the goal, said Adam Hickey, who recently stepped down as deputy assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's National Security Division.

"You charge someone with the hope that you will end up arresting them," said Hickey, now a partner at Mayer Brown. But another goal can be to "paint a target essentially on the back of individuals like this to encourage information that could be used to undermine their operations."

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ALBEMARLE	875	810	DYKE RD	LYNCH RIVER	4/3/2023

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Rep. Gerald E. Connolly (D) said he feels "guilt" over his two of his staffers being attacked Monday by a man looking to speak to him.

Police: Suspect in Connolly incident also chased woman

ATTACK FROM **B1**

first appearance in Fairfax County General District Court on charges related to both incidents Tuesday, but he refused to attend his arraignment.

A video feed in the courtroom showed Pham wrapped in a green blanket in his cell at the Fairfax County jail. The next hearing in the case is scheduled for July 17.

U.S. Capitol Police Chief Tom Manger said there was a search warrant served on Pham's father's house Monday night by the county and the city police, to try to determine what, if any, kind of planning he might have done. He also said that Pham was not on the radar of the Capitol Police before the attack at Connolly's office.

Elsa Gunessever, who lives two doors down from Pham's family, was running errands when the chasing incident happened in her neighborhood, but returned home to a see a car with a shattered windshield parked on her street.

"When I came home from the grocery store and saw 10 police cars, my heart started pumping," she said.

Gunessever, 85, said she never met Pham, but described his parents as kind neighbors.

"At first, I got really scared because I said 'My lord. I don't know which of my neighbors are good and which are bad.' But now, I feel very sorry for the parents," she said.

Connolly said in an interview Monday that Pham entered the office and asked for him but grew agitated when he was told the congressman was not there. Pham then struck an intern — who was on her first day on the job — in the side with a baseball bat, Connolly said.

A commotion ensued, and Pham struck Connolly's outreach director on the head with the baseball bat. Another staffer, who is a retired Army sergeant, rounded up the staffers and pulled them into an office, as Pham smashed glass windows and a computer in the office, Connolly said.

Police arrived a short time later, and Connolly said they used a stun gun to subdue Pham. Fairfax City police and United States Capitol Police, who are jointly probing the incident, said they are still investigating a motive.

Connolly said the man gave no indication of a political motive for the attack and said authorities assumed mental illness may have played a role. He said that staffers had previously talked to the man on the phone and he seemed off.

Pham's father said in an interview that his son was schizophrenic and has been ill since his late teens. The father said that his son had been refusing to take his medication and that he had unsuccessfully sought help for him.

Xuan Pham was charged with four felonies for assaulting a police officer and attempting to take a stun gun in an incident that occurred in January 2022, according to Fairfax County court records. An incident report asserts that Pham screamed and ran toward a police officer's cruiser, asking an officer to shoot him. After police told Pham they would be taking him to a mental health facility, the report alleges, Pham grew distressed and resisted officers' efforts to take him into custody, reaching for the gun of one of them.

The charges were later dropped. The Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office said in a statement that the charges "stemmed from a mental health incident" and were not prosecuted "as part of an agreement that ensured the individual was complying with mental health services." Courts records show as of February 2022, Pham had been compliant in the agreement.

Also last year, Pham filed a lawsuit against the CIA in federal court, alleging the spy agency had been "guilty of wrongfully imprisoning me in a lower perspective based on physics called the book world."

He wrote he was entitled to be "cured" and was seeking $29 million.

Connolly said in an interview Tuesday that when he first learned that his staff members were attacked his initial reaction was "guilt."

"This guy intended me as the target and instead, he found other targets as substitutes," Connolly said. "I know that might sound weird, but you can't help but have that reaction like it should have been me, not them."

Camila DeChalus, Tom Jackman and Alice Crites contributed to this report.

MARYLAND

After ruling, tighter gun laws prompt NRA lawsuit

BY ERIN COX

Maryland Gov. Wes Moore (D) signed into law Tuesday new gun-control bills to restrict who can carry firearms in public and where they can bring them, measures the National Rifle Association immediately challenged in federal court.

Gun rights activists have been eager to leverage a watershed Supreme Court decision from June that expanded the Second Amendment's reach, as left-leaning states rushed to buttress their long-standing concealed carry permit restrictions that the ruling effectively overturned.

Since the ruling, the number of people now allowed to carry concealed guns in public has more than tripled, according to data from the Maryland State Police. Approved concealed carry permits skyrocketed from 39,797 on July 1 to 125,233 as of last week, enough new permit holders to fill every seat in Camden Yards stadium nearly twice over.

Maryland lawmakers took action to tamp down concealed carry permits. Gun rights activists noted the ruling had also rattled the legal framework on which several of the state's other marquee gun laws — a ban on "assault weapons" and handgun licensing requirements — were written, and sued to upend them, as well.

"More permits means more guns out in public, and that means more guns left in cars, and that means more guns subject to theft," said Sen. William C. Smith Jr. (D-Montgomery), who helped shepherd the new laws to passage. "There's just going to be more guns ... around. That's just a fact."

The measures that drew the NRA's challenge Tuesday write new criteria for who can carry firearms in public and explicitly restrict where most permit holders can bring their weapons, including polling places, preschools, hospitals and stadiums.

Two other Maryland laws enacted Tuesday will require more training for people who apply for concealed carry permits and make those permits more costly, as well as strip gun-ownership rights from people who are convicted of storing firearms where an unsupervised child accessed them, resulting in injury or death.

Smith said it was imperative to try to write the strictest new law possible given the national and Maryland epidemic of gun violence, even if the state ends up in court. (The Maryland Attorney General's Office deemed the measures constitutional.) He noted state police were now giving out as many permits each month as they used to give out in a year.

"Will they be challenged? Of course they will be," Smith said before the bills were signed Tuesday.

"We're just in a really gray space, and I think we as a legislature had an obligation to implement strong laws that protect Marylanders," he said.

The NRA lawsuit, announced hours after Moore signed the bills and filed in U.S. district court, challenges the idea that Maryland can prohibit legal permit holders from bringing their guns into a vast array of public and private spaces.

"After the Supreme Court affirmed that the individual right to carry a firearm outside the home for self-defense is protected under the Second Amendment, Maryland deceitfully responded by amending its laws concocting a scheme where law-abiding Marylanders will not be able [to] legally carry anywhere in the state," the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action said in a statement.

D.J. Spiker, NRA-ILA Maryland state director, said Maryland "previously had one of the most restrictive wear and carry permit schemes in the country. Now, to carry legally, Marylanders have to go through a process that's somehow more burdensome, lengthy and expensive to get a permit, yet effectively doesn't allow them to carry anywhere in the state."

Spiker continued: "You know who isn't going to do all of this to get a permit? And who isn't going to worry about where it's legal to carry? Criminals. This law will only prevent law-abiding people from exercising their rights."

"We're saving lives while they are politically posturing," Moore spokesman Carter Elliott said in a statement. "Every Marylander has the right to feel safe in their own communities and the governor is committed to doing everything in his power to make Maryland a safer home for everyone."

The ruling that upended Maryland's law, issued by the conservative-leaning majority in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Assn. v. Bruen,* also opened the door for Second Amendment groups to challenge Maryland's landmark gun laws passed in 2013 after the 2012 massacre of 20 children and six adults at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn. Challenges are already pending to the state's ban on the sale of "assault weapons" and to its handgun licensing rules. (The number of people seeking handgun licenses has also spiked in recent years, rising sharply during the pandemic. Maryland State Police issued, on average, about 21,000 per year from 2014 to 2019. But the agency issued more than 49,000 per year, on average, from 2020 to 2022.)

"A whole scope of litigation has opened up that was not available before *Bruen*," said Mark Pennak, president of the gun rights group Maryland Shall Issue, which is a party to several of the lawsuits. Pennak said that lawful gun owners are frustrated they keep seeing more restrictions when they believe most gun violence in Maryland is perpetuated by criminals.

"It drives everybody crazy. Because why don't we do something about the people who shouldn't have firearms in the first place? We fully support that," he said.

Part of the new concealed carry law spells out objective reasons someone can be denied a permit, such as being on probation for violating a protective order, said Del. Luke Clippinger (D-Baltimore City), who sponsored that bill. The detailed list of ways one can be denied a permit replaces Maryland's previous subjective standard, upended by the court, that required a "good and substantial" reason to carry a firearm that was greater than the need of the general public.

COURTLAND MILLOY

Bike advocates look to a future D.C. that's out of gas

MILLOY FROM **B1**



COURTLAND MILLOY/THE WASHINGTON POST

A closure sign blocks the entrance to a new bicycle lane on Capitol Hill last week — where motorists seeking parking must now look elsewhere. Such infrastructure development has faced some pushback.

in the month no longer had on-street parking spaces and remained shuttered.

There were no signs instructing motorists that parking in bus lanes was allowed during "non-rush hours." Some store employees had heard it from parking enforcement officials. Neither were there signs telling motorists that they would be ticketed $150 for blocking the bus lane during rush hour.

Bike advocates say they aren't trying to hurt local businesses and that city officials should do a better job communicating with business owners. They say they just want to make biking and walking safer, and there can be no compromise when it comes to that. Despite the setback with the bike lanes on Connecticut Avenue and K Street, the advocates are determined to realize their vision of a bike-friendly nation's capital.

The way D.C.-area bicycle advocates see it, by 2050 — the bikers' own timeline — a densely populated D.C. region will be intimately connected by sustainable modes of transportation, primarily networks of bicycle trails. By then, they expect that the D.C. area's car-centric residents will be out of gas.

"We envision a multimodal transportation system for the District that gives people an array of options to get from Point A to Point B, quickly, every time they walk outside their door," Jeremiah Lowery, director of advocacy for the Washington Area Bicyclists Association, told me. "We call it the '15-minute city.' If someone wants to bike safely from Takoma Park to the Navy Yard, they should be able to."

The multimodal system puts emphasis on affordable, reliable and rapid public transit, such as buses and subways, along with lots of walking paths, Lowery said.

What about cars, I asked. I am "car-centric," a term that bike advocates make sound like a psychological disorder.

"No one is completely taking them out of the picture," Lowery said.

Caitlin Rogger, deputy executive director of Greater Greater Washington, would certainly like to see a whole lot more of us out of our cars.

"There are too many people walking around in D.C. to let this be a car-centric city," she said. "Cars and human beings don't really mix very well. We just don't have enough room for everyone to be in cars, so you have to find ways to make those other modes of transportation more attractive."

Rogger sees a multitude of economic benefits. By expanding bus service instead of parking spaces, she envisions low-income residents being able to apply for jobs that are currently out of reach.

"I want D.C. to enjoy a thriving recovery, and I think that is totally possible if we focus on quality of life, affordable housing and mobility equity," she said. "That's what's going to attract people to the city. I think we need to look to other cities that have successfully managed to convert car trips to transit, walking and biking. London and Paris are the shining examples of that."

For her, the delay in putting up bike lanes on Connecticut Avenue was a disappointment, not a defeat.

"It is an unfortunate signal because we had this commitment to build out the cycling network, and to put this off now is a signal to everybody that the commitment isn't what it was before," she said. "But I would like them to get back on track pretty quickly because we are in danger of backsliding."

She noted that during the coronavirus pandemic, America's driving habits seemed to have worsened. Bicyclist and pedestrian deaths from car crashes are on the rise. "Now we have to work twice as hard to get that genie back in the bottle," Rogger said.

Greater Greater Washington describes itself as a volunteer-driven nonprofit organization "that brings people together online and offline to discuss, organize, and advocate for an inclusive, diverse, growing Washington, D.C. region where all people can choose to live in walkable, urban communities."

And the organization does have a sphere of influence.

"We want to live and work in places with sidewalks, bike lanes, and frequent transit; with grocery stores, parks, and plenty of housing choices at attainable prices; that is accessible and welcoming to people of all income levels and backgrounds," the website says.

WABA is the region's premier bicycle lobbying and educational organization. It has been a driving force behind a phenomenal increase in bike lanes, street "calming" measures and even street closures in the interest of making the roads safer for bicyclists.

Lowery, the WABA advocacy director, said he was not surprised at the "pushback" on the K Street and Connecticut Avenue plans.

"There are bound to be some folks who have questions about how it affects their businesses and everyday lives, and a lot of those questions are valid," he said. "As we continue to build out the protected bike lanes, we have to be prepared to answer those questions."

However, he added, "We should not be sacrificing safety for anything. Safety is the number one."

Lowery said he envisions a city where there is a significant network of free buses; where Metro is fully funded, reliable and frequent; and downtown living is affordable, convenient and safe.

"What I say to the car-centric people is this: Come join us," he said (after leaving your car at a Metro parking lot and taking public transit the rest of the way in, Lowery adds). "We are trying to make it more convenient for you, too."

He and Rogger were certain that as efforts to attract 15,000 new residents downtown proceed, D.C. will soon become too congested for automobile traffic. If it isn't already.

"My take on people who are car-centric: You want to be ready," Lowery said. "This is the future. You have to be ready to welcome the future. You are not being excluded from the future. You are included. But so are other people, and that's the way it has to be if we are going to design a city for everybody."

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THE DISTRICT

Council votes to reverse some budget cuts and delay K Street makeover

BY MICHAEL BRICE-SADDLER

The D.C. Council moved to reverse several controversial budget cuts proposed by Mayor Muriel E. Bowser and delayed a planned redevelopment of the K Street Transitway as it approved a $19.7 billion fiscal 2024 budget Tuesday.

District leaders have repeatedly described this year's budget process as one of the most arduous in recent history, exacerbated by economic uncertainty in the city's commercial real estate market as well as the looming expiration of federal pandemic dollars that had funded programs for residents who required help with rent and legal expenses.

As she presented her proposed budget in March, Bowser (D) emphasized the need to expedite downtown's economic recovery while returning funds for services to pre-pandemic levels, leading to criticism from advocates and some lawmakers who said demand for those programs had not significantly waned. On Monday, D.C. Council Chairman Phil Mendelson (D) revealed his own version of the budget that restored some of those slashed funds: putting $35 million more toward emergency rental assistance, $40 million over several years for about 230 new permanent housing vouchers, and some $30 million for programs for legal aid and victims' services.

"When the CFO's budget revenue estimate came out, we all knew we were going to face a real challenge. When the mayor's budget came out that challenge only got harder, given all the damage done to the social safety net," council member Matthew Frumin (D-Ward 3) said ahead of Tuesday's vote. "The budget [Mendelson] has come forward with addresses those issues in a meaningful way, but there's still a lot to do."

The council also moved, without debate, to repeal a contentious measure that it had approved two years ago to gradually remove school resource officers, or SROs, from campuses by 2025, while advancing a separate amendment from council member Zachary Parker (D-Ward 5) to create a committee to explore alternate options for school safety. Bowser has long opposed the phaseout of police in schools; she and Mendelson unsuccessfully tried to reverse it during last year's budget vote).

The council also approved initiatives to increase the city's tax abatement for office-to-residential conversion projects in 2028 with strengthened affordability requirements and restored funding for a "Baby Bonds" program that offers trust fund accounts to low-income children, a measure that Bowser's budget proposal had defunded because of an error from the city's chief financial officer.

Tuesday's 11-0 vote was the first of two that the council will take on the budget before sending it to Bowser to sign. Council member Vincent C. Gray (D-Ward 7) was unable to attend the council's first budget vote as he recovers from surgery, according to his office. Council member Trayon White Sr. (D-Ward 8) voted "present."

Mendelson further included $15 million to boost pay for charter school educators while funding his legislation that seeks to protect individual D.C. public school campuses from facing any budget cuts, shifting funds away from the central office.

"We were able to make substantial progress," Mendelson said Tuesday while explaining his changes. "All of these should help in our struggle to change the equity equation in our city."

He found extra money, in part, by delaying a proposed $116 million makeover of the K Street corridor backed by Bowser and council member Brooke Pinto (D-Ward 2); some of that money will go to other transit initiatives, including overnight bus service and restoring three D.C. Circulator routes that Bowser had also suggested cutting. Mendelson had initially hoped to fund a proposal for fare-free Metro buses in the District, but Metro's board said earlier this month the plan needed more regional input and should be pushed until next year.

Also in the realm of transit, the council approved a 25-cent "digital dispatch fee" for rides in gas-powered ride-hailing services such as Uber and Lyft, which will help pay for the overnight Metrobus service. That proposal had evolved from a $2 congestion fee for ride-hailing trips downtown pitched by council member Brianne K. Nadeau (D-Ward 1) that had divided the council.

Provisions related to crime were not among the day's controversial subjects: the council rejected a proposal from the mayor to shift the Department of Forensic Sciences crime-scene services division to the police department, but it included funds requested by D.C. Police Chief Robert J. Contee III and Bowser for police hiring and retention. The budget vote came the same day as both leaders testified on crime and public safety in the city at a House Oversight Committee hearing.

But other budgetary asks went unfulfilled heading into Tuesday, including requests from advocates who said the city needed to go further to ensure money reached residents who needed it most. Council member Christina Henderson (I-At Large) had hoped to fund her legislation to boost D.C.'s Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit, which helps low-income residents buy food. Some of the city's workers excluded from certain benefits — who included undocumented immigrants and gig economy and domestic workers — held a protest outside the Wilson Building on Tuesday morning to request financial support; last year, the council had voted to award them $20 million because of their ineligibility for unemployment benefits and pandemic aid.

But Mendelson said Monday most of that "didn't get out the door," spurring Bowser to repurpose the funds, which he did not restore.

Gray in a letter before the meeting requested funds to expand D.C. Streetcar service. White expressed support for excluded workers Tuesday morning while announcing his own ideas to redirect capital funds for streetscape projects in Ward 8 to instead pay for renovations to several schools and recreation centers. White, who said he will introduce his amendments for the council's second vote on the budget, also sought money to enhance the Good Hope Road corridor in Southeast, which will soon be renamed Marion Barry Avenue.

A last-minute proposal from Parker sought to provide money for excluded workers and increase SNAP benefits and create a D.C. child tax credit, among other initiatives, by delaying a planned sunset of a tax increase on commercial land deals worth at least $2 million that Bowser and the council imposed in 2019.

Parker said his proposal would generate about $390 million in additional funds through fiscal 2027, allowing for additional housing vouchers, food security and rental assistance. Anticipating concerns about how maintaining the tax could affect office-to-residential developments, Parker proposed exempting these types of conversions from the extension.

"Who is the District's comeback for? It's not by happenstance that we see concentrated poverty in parts of the city generation after generation," Parker told his colleagues. "I reject the premise that we don't have enough money in a city with a nearly $20 billion budget."

But several lawmakers spoke out against the idea, including council members Henderson, Pinto, Charles Allen (D-Ward 6) and Kenyan R. McDuffie (I-At Large), expressing concerns that the extension could discourage building sales. Mendelson said major tax decisions should be left up to the city's Tax Revision Commission.

"We as a community have to start living within our means, and that means we cannot tax our way out of this dilemma," said council member Anita Bonds (D-At Large). "This is not a practical approach to addressing our issue today."

Nadeau indicated she was supportive of Parker's proposal. But he withdrew the amendment, adding that he would look for another way to find the money for SNAP as well as increased investments in Wards 7 and 8 ahead of the council's second vote, scheduled for May 30.

Lawmakers on Tuesday also took the first of two votes to confirm several acting agency directors appointed by Bowser, including Colleen Green at the Department of Housing and Community Development; Timothy Spriggs at the Department of Public Works; Heather McGaffin at the Office of Unified Communications (better known as the city's 911 call center); and Lindsey Appiah as the deputy mayor for public safety and justice.

Lauren Lumpkin contributed to this report.

Before House panel, Bowser conveys concern over autonomy, violent crime

OVERSIGHT FROM B1

While the vote's impact — considering Biden's veto threat — will probably be much more political than practical, the message is clear: D.C. may continue to have a rocky ride for the next year and a half in Congress, weathering its most aggressive oversight in years.

House Republicans have been eager to use their constitutional authority to scrutinize policies in the deep-blue city — especially on the issues of crime and public safety, as was on display in Tuesday's hearing.

"What we saw here was an ideological back-and-forth, a partisan kind of mash-up," Bowser told reporters after the hearing, which came the same day that the D.C. Council took its first of two votes on the city's nearly $20 billion budget. "I'm sitting here thinking, my council right now is voting on my budget that has a real impact on how people in Washington, D.C., live every single day."

Bowser toes a line

D.C.'s day in the crosshairs began Tuesday morning with the Oversight Committee.

Bowser sought to balance decrying D.C.'s lack of autonomy while also expressing a commitment to crack down on violent crime, at times agreeing with Republicans about increasing police recruitment. D.C.'s outgoing police chief, Robert J. Contee III, and City Administrator Kevin Donahue joined Bowser. And U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia Matthew Graves, who uniquely functions as D.C.'s local prosecutor, appeared for testimony as well — and was peppered with repeated questions and criticism about his office's low prosecution rate of local arrests.

While crime is nowhere near the levels of the 1980s and '90s, during the crack cocaine epidemic, the District is experiencing challenges, namely with rising homicides and carjackings. City leaders have observed that D.C. is not the only large American city facing issues with crime, a point Bowser made at the hearing as well.

But even as some Republicans on the committee pummeled city officials with declarations that the city is unsafe, Bowser and House Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer (R-Ky.) took a conciliatory approach to kick off the hearing. They started off by expressing agreement on areas including reducing crime and bringing more federal workers back to the office in person in D.C. and in general.

Bowser detailed a number of actions the District is taking in response to increasing crime, and she asked the committee to work with her. At the same time, Bowser described the unique challenges the city's criminal justice system has faced because D.C. is not a state; the federal government controls and funds much of D.C.'s justice system — such as its prosecution of almost all local crimes.

"I won't be making any excuses here. I'm the mayor, and I'm responsible for making this very complicated, unique system work for my residents, businesses and all Americans," Bowser said, before describing public safety legislation she proposed the day before that is intended to enhance penalties for certain violent crimes and give judges more discretion to detain people with a violent criminal history.

Comer lauded the bill, noting he had met with Bowser last week to talk about how they could work together — eschewing the kind of adversarial boxing matches that have historically characterized the city's strained relationship with Congress. Comer expressed interest in taking a closer look at Congress's budget rider prohibiting the District from taxing and regulating recreational marijuana, something D.C. has been advocating to remove for years, as well as assisting D.C. in bringing a new arena to the city at RFK Stadium — one of Bowser's big agenda items.

Even Rep. Paul A. Gosar (R-Ariz.), a far-right lawmaker who has sparred with District officials in the past, thanked the mayor for her approach. "Kudos — great attitude!" he said, before launching into a line of questioning about coronavirus vaccines.

Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D), the District's nonvoting representative in Congress, said after the hearing that it was less contentious than she expected, and Comer's offers to help "surprised but elated" her. "I'll be following up on that," she said.

Crime has been a particular focus among Oversight Committee Republicans, who have frequently depicted the nation's capital as unsafe for visitors and residents — or even Capitol staff members and lawmakers, some of whom have been victims in recent assaults. "Washington, D.C., clearly has a crime crisis," Comer said in his opening statement, before lambasting the D.C. Council and some of its recent criminal justice legislation while once again thanking Bowser for opposing some of the bills, such as the revised criminal code, which Congress previously blocked.

Rep. Jamie B. Raskin (D-Md.), speaking to Bowser, pointed out that there appeared to be "an effort to drive a wedge between you and the D.C. Council," before Bowser reiterated that she and the council are united against congressional intervention in D.C. affairs.

Raskin frequently steered the conversation toward what he said the committee should be addressing instead of "micromanaging" D.C., including gun violence, and compared the committee's criticism of D.C. to President Donald Trump "blaming the victim" after a civil jury found he sexually abused E. Jean Carroll.



PHOTOS BY RICKY CARIOTI/THE WASHINGTON POST

D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) speaks during Tuesday's House Oversight Committee hearing, during which the panel's Republicans grilled Bowser and other D.C. officials about crime and public safety.



Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D) joined statehood advocates on Capitol Hill and derided congressional interference in D.C. affairs.

"They're part of an effort to deny Americans who live in Washington the right to participate in representative government — and then blame them for their own disenfranchisement and lack of representation in Congress," Raskin said.

While Bowser and Comer appeared to project a positive rapport, no congressional oversight hearing of D.C. would be complete without at least one Republican questioning whether the Founders ever wanted D.C. to be a state and launching into a philosophical debate with the mayor.

Calling Bowser an "intelligent American," Rep. Clay Higgins (R-La.) questioned whether Bowser was familiar with the Founders' debate over the nation's capital and asked if she knew of "any other municipality in these United States that has access to our seat of government as the citizens of Washington, D.C.?"

"Actually, they all have more access because they have voting members of Congress," Bowser said, as D.C. residents advocating statehood clapped in the crowd.

Graves defends prosecutions

But many members of the committee saved their more critical comments for Graves, who took a consistent verbal hammering by members of the committee — with Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) formally introducing articles of impeachment against him. The U.S. attorney's office declined to comment on the move, while the Justice Department issued a statement in support of Graves and his work.

The Republican representatives repeatedly used their five minutes of airtime to lambaste the top prosecutor, pointing to data that showed his office had chosen last year not to prosecute 67 percent of those arrested by police officers in cases that would have been tried in D.C. Superior Court and accusing him of having "soft-on-crime" policies that have made the nation's capital dangerous. They also cited a statistic often referenced by the city's police chief, who said that the average homicide suspect had been arrested 11 times before that charge.

"Mr. Graves, bro, you need to do your job," Rep. Byron Donalds (R-Fla.) said.

Graves defended his office's performance, saying in fiscal year 2022, his office charged 90 percent of all arrests for the most serious violent crimes. He said most of the decrease in prosecution rates came from nonviolent misdemeanor cases.

The top prosecutor also attributed the drop in the percentage of cases charged to fallout from the pandemic and the Department of Forensic Sciences' loss of accreditation. At the city's public safety summit last week, Bowser criticized Graves for placing blame on the forensic department and urged him to use federal resources to fill in the gaps. One representative at the hearing similarly pressed him to use other crime labs.

Graves said his office's charging rates for this fiscal year, so far, are higher than last year's. "We understand that dealing with these issues requires a whole-of-government response," Graves said, referencing increases in homicides and carjackings in the District. "We recognize that prosecution is an important part of that response."

But other Republicans joined Comer in expressing interest in providing D.C. with more resources, namely within the criminal justice system. Rep. Kelly Armstrong (R-N.D.) said that if the District needed more resources to hire prosecutors or make improvements at the jail, Congress should be able to help. The mayor and the U.S. attorney eagerly embraced those ideas.

In more than three hours of testimony, Contee was rarely questioned. The police chief was most active in a line of questioning about firearms. He said a "significant percentage" of crimes in D.C. involve guns, and that most of those weapons have come from states south of the District.

Senate vote may be toothless

The Senate voted to reject D.C.'s policing bill almost immediately after the House hearing ended. The Senate vote was also highly unusual: The 60-day congressional review period under the D.C. Home Rule Act expired last week. D.C. Attorney General Brian L. Schwalb (D) issued a formal opinion Tuesday saying that the vote "has no legal consequence for the validity of the law, and is nothing more than empty political grandstanding."

Because of Biden's veto threat, however, it may end up being a moot point. A White House official said Tuesday that Biden still intends to veto the disapproval resolution.

Still, despite the blunted practical impact of the vote, the fact that Congress voted to block two consecutive pieces of D.C. criminal justice legislation is incredibly rare in the grander scheme of D.C.'s 50-year history of limited home rule. Until this Congress, only three other disapproval resolutions had succeeded in those 50 years.

Republicans have said they intend to use D.C. to make national statements about the need to be tough on crime, leading local officials to call on them to stop using D.C. as a "political football." Already, the House and Senate campaign arms have gone after Democrats for siding with D.C., showing how Republicans could use these votes as a cudgel in campaign season.

The National Republican Senatorial Committee, for example, said Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) wouldn't "stand up to Democrats' anti-police agenda." Kaine said he voted against blocking the D.C. policing bill "because making sure police are accountable to the communities they serve helps create a safer city for the many Virginians who commute to D.C. for work every day," adding he is a "strong supporter" of D.C. statehood.

The six Democrats who voted to reject the D.C. policing bill were: Sens. Jacky Rosen (Nev.), Catherine Cortez Masto (Nev.), Jon Tester (Mont.), Jeanne Shaheen (N.H.), Maggie Hassan (N.H.) and Joe Manchin III (W.Va.).

Ahead of the Senate vote, Norton joined statehood advocates with the "Hands Off DC" coalition outside the U.S. Capitol and derided congressional interference in the District's affairs. D.C.'s residents, she said, should be allowed to govern themselves.

"House Republicans say instead that D.C. residents, a majority of whom are Black and Brown, are incapable and unworthy of the same respect afforded to residents of their own districts," she said, later adding: "I will continue to do everything within my power to ensure Congress keeps its hands off D.C."

MARYLAND

Montgomery County Council selects chair for planning board after upheaval

BY KATIE SHEPHERD

Seven months of wayfinding for Montgomery County leaders with often clashing visions for restoring trust in the county's planning board culminated Tuesday in the selection of Artie L. Harris Jr. as board chair.

Harris, vice president of a nonprofit housing developer, edged out former council member Hans Riemer to round out the board, alongside four others recently picked to relaunch an institution rocked by scandal last year.

Debate over the top job, which pays $228,000 and has agenda-setting power on the influential board, highlighted tensions among Montgomery leaders over housing, development and transparency in a county where these issues often drive political debate.

Ultimately the council narrowly coalesced around a candidate who six members decided would best navigate urgent tasks such as clearing the way for affordable housing development, expanding the housing supply around transit lines, and addressing pressing transportation needs.

"It is a new day for Montgomery County and the Montgomery County Planning Board," said council member Natali Fani-González (D-District 6), who nominated Harris (D).

If County Executive Marc Elrich (D) confirms Harris and recent appointee Josh Linden (D), the county's planning board will have an entirely fresh makeup. Three members already have been confirmed: Shawn Bartley (R), James Hedrick (D), and Mitra Pedoeem (unaffiliated).

They are stepping into a power vacuum created when escalating accusations culminated in the firing of longtime Planning Director Gwen Wright and the ouster of the entire planning board, which was forced to resign in October. Council members at the time said they had lost faith in the board members after a scandal over drinking alcohol on county property and allegations of a toxic workplace. Although several board members admitted to taking part in happy hours on county property, an independent investigation cleared former planning board chair Casey Anderson of claims that he created a "hostile, toxic or misogynistic work environment."

County leaders' efforts to rehabilitate the board, which oversees the county's parks and planning departments, have elicited disagreement and political squabbling.

State Sen. Benjamin F. Kramer (D-Montgomery) and Elrich in December pushed for a set of bills that would give the executive more power over the planning process, but those proposals did not gain traction during the legislative session. In February, state Del. Lesley J. Lopez (D-Montgomery) brokered an agreement between the county executive and the interim planning board chair to convene a work group to make recommendations to revamp the county's sluggish development review process — but the effort drew criticism for leaving the council out of the conversation.

And the appointment process aimed at giving the board a fresh start after a rough year has already been tense at times.

A tied vote had to be recast to appoint Bartley after council member Kate Stewart (D-District 4) abstained from the first vote because of social media posts Bartley made mocking Democrats. The council also split the vote 8-3 for Hedrick, whose appointment was then vetoed by Elrich because of comments Hedrick made in interviews and on social media that Elrich said demonstrated "an ideological close-mindedness as well as a disdain for those whose views do not comport with his." The council unanimously voted to override the veto.

Harris, a 23-year Takoma Park resident, applied to helm the planning board after a lengthy career in housing development. He is vice president for an affordable housing provider, the Montgomery Housing Partnership, which he said has supplied the county with more than 2,800 units of affordable rental units since 1989. Before joining the nonprofit developer in 2009, Harris worked as a vice president at Bozzuto Development Co.

During an interview before the council earlier this month, Harris made the case that he was best suited for the role of planning board chair because of his deep familiarity with the county's development review process from years on the developer side of the process.

"I know how to get things done in the county based on my experience," he said.

Harris also emphasized that his vision for the planning department aligns with the Thrive 2050 plan for denser development in the county that was passed by the council last year.

The vote Tuesday was split, with five members supporting Riemer, who lost a bid for county executive last year and termed out of his council seat after a 12-year run. On the council, Riemer chaired its park and planning committee, which often dealt with issues that overlap with the planning board's work.

In a letter to the council, Riemer said this experience positioned him to be an effective leader, but opponents of his selection questioned whether his political background would affect the board's ability to regain public trust.

"Riemer being a politician, we believe if he ascends to this post he's going to politicize it," said Dolores Milmoe, a longtime community activist who co-founded the Montgomery Countryside Alliance to advocate for protecting the county's agricultural reserve.

The council also appointed the last of the four part-time members of the planning board, who each receive a $30,000 salary. If confirmed, Linden will join Bartley, Hedrick and Pedoeem on the board.

Linden, who last year returned to Montgomery County after living in Oregon for four years, works for BERK Consulting advising cities and counties in Washington state on zoning, development and transportation issues. Bartley works as an attorney practicing business and real estate law, serves on the State Board of Education and is board chair for the Primary Care Coalition, a nonprofit that funds public health-care clinics and programs in Montgomery. Hedrick is a senior housing analyst at the Federal Housing Finance Agency in D.C. Pedoeem, who had a long career in the county parks department and formerly worked as the county's director of permitting services, brings her familiarity with the county's regulatory structure to the planning board.

OBITUARIES

GARY PRADO SALMÓN, 84

Bolivian officer who captured Che Guevara

BY PHIL DAVISON

Gary Prado Salmón, the Bolivian army special forces officer who captured revolutionary guerrilla fighter Ernesto "Che" Guevara in the Bolivian jungle in 1967, died May 6 at a hospital in the Bolivian city of Santa Cruz. He was 84.

His son Gary Prado Arauz announced the death on Facebook but did not provide a cause. His father, who had retired with the rank of general in 1988, had been in a wheelchair as a paraplegic after being shot in the spine in 1981.

There was speculation at the time of the shooting that a pro-Guevara Bolivian army officer had taken revenge. Gen. Prado described the shooting as a "mystery" but remained loyal to the Bolivian armed forces and took the matter no further.

For capturing Guevara, and thereby blunting Bolivia's own left-wing insurgency against the country's military leadership, Gen. Prado became a hero within the military and among its anti-communist supporters. But that was not so much the case among younger Bolivians who, along with many fellow South Americans, had had enough of military rule throughout the continent.

Gen. Prado, who had undergone training by the U.S. Green Berets, was a captain when he pursued Guevara in the Bolivian jungle. The Argentine-born guerrilla had been instrumental in Fidel Castro's Cuban revolution and, after unsuccessfully attempting to support left-wing guerrillas in what is now the Democratic Republic of Congo, set about exporting the Cuban revolution to other parts of Latin America.

In an interview this month with the news service CE Noticias Financieras, Gen. Prado recalled an important tip when a peasant potato and cattle farmer, who happened to be an old school friend, reported to him that, in October 1967, he had seen strange armed men in the Churo ravine where his cattle grazed near the village of La Higuera.

Gen. Prado also recalled Guevara surrendering to him on Oct. 8 in the ravine after the guerrilla had been shot in the leg, his pistol empty and his M2 carbine rifle shattered by Bolivian army gunfire. "I said, 'Who are you?' " the officer recalled. "He said, 'I am Che. I am worth more to you alive than dead.' "

Gen. Prado recalled Guevara asking for water and something to smoke. The Bolivian gave him an Astoria cigarette and, knowing his love of cigars from media reports, a Pacific cigar.

In the recent Noticias Financieras interview, Gen. Prado recalled chatting to the wounded Guevara while the latter was laid out on the floor of a mud-walled hut used as a primary school in La Higuera.

"I was left with two images," Gen. Prado said. "He looked like a finished man. He had reached the end of his dream; he surely saw that his world was coming to an end. He was very depressed, he was sad, he was pitiful. At that time, he was not the man he is today, who has become a myth. I asked him why he came to Bolivia, what was he looking for here. . . . He told me, 'The revolution has no borders.' "



AP

Gary Prado Salmón displays photos at his home in Bolivia in 2007. The army officer became a hero among anti-communists for detaining guerrilla fighter Ernesto "Che" Guevara in the Bolivian jungle.

"The conclusion I have reached after so many years of research is that they [the Cuban leadership under Fidel Castro] sent him to Bolivia to get rid of him," he added. "I felt pity, I couldn't do any more. People have the image of the myth, wow. To tell the truth, I felt sorry for the guy."

Gen. Prado subsequently left to continue combat with the guerrilla fighter's small group of surviving men in the jungle. When he left La Higuera for his base in Vallegrande, Guevara was still alive in the schoolhouse, but Gen. Prado soon learned that the guerrilla had been executed in La Higuera the following day by a Bolivian army sergeant.

A Cuban American CIA agent, Félix Rodriguez, who had also helped track Guevara and his men to the area, said in later interviews that he and his superiors in the CIA would have preferred to keep Guevara alive, to show the world how defeated he looked — "like a beggar," he said — when apprehended.

But, he said, he was overruled by Bolivian President René Barrientos and the Bolivian military high command, which wanted to avoid a show trial that might win global sympathy for Guevara.

Rodriguez ordered the executioner, Sgt. Mario Terán, to shoot Guevara in the legs and arms to make it look as though the guerrilla had died in combat with the army.

Later, when the body arrived by helicopter in Vallegrande, Gen. Prado said he sat next to the body on a stretcher and saw the jaw dropping. "I took out my handkerchief and tied him up as if he had a toothache," he recalled. "I sent him off like this so that he would keep his physiognomy."

Gary Prado Salmón was born Nov. 15, 1938, in Rome, where his father was on military assignment for the Bolivian army. The family soon returned to Bolivia, where his father rose to colonel and Gen. Prado enrolled in military school at 15.

In his later years, he wrote books including "How I Captured Che" (1987) and "The Defeat of Che Guevara" (1990). A complete list of survivors could not be determined.

In 2010, Gen. Prado was placed under house arrest for alleged ties with right-wing "terrorists" plotting to overthrow the left-wing Indigenous president, Evo Morales. A Bolivian judge ordered his house arrest for allegedly conspiring to bring secession to eastern Bolivia, the main bastion of opposition to Morales. His son Gary was also arrested, but both men were later released.

Gen. Prado spent the last two years of his military career, until 1988, as a Bolivian military representative to the Inter-American Defense Board in Washington.

In a 2017 interview with the Financial Times, Gen. Prado recalled Guevara giving him his Rolex Oyster Submariner — a gift from Castro — after scratching a cross on the back of it. "I later sent it to his family via the Cuban Embassy," he said.

"I was shocked about the execution," he told the newspaper. "I didn't expect that. I thought Che would have been tried like other prisoners. The whole thing was badly managed. The Bolivian government put out the misinformation that Che had died in combat, but then came reports that he'd been seen walking to La Higuera, so finally the president had to come clean.

"I think he made the decision to execute," he added, "because, if Che had been taken prisoner, he'd have been put on trial, and the trial would have been a cause celebre."

LARRY MAHAN, 79

Rodeo champion whose fame transcended sport

BY MICHAEL ROSENWALD

Larry Mahan, a six-time world champion rodeo cowboy who bucked his way into American stardom, starring in an Oscar-winning documentary, endorsing his own line of Western wear and appearing on "The Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson, died May 7 at his home in Valley View, Texas. He was 79.

Mr. Mahan had bone cancer, according to Bobby Steiner, a close friend and bull-riding contemporary who confirmed his death.

More than any cowboy before or since, Mr. Mahan's fame transcended the geography and conventions of traditional rodeo. He grew his hair long, wore bright-colored shirts and psychedelic chaps, and piloted his own Cessna to competitions. Sportswriters likened his fame to Elvis Presley's and his achievements to Hank Aaron's.

"Even for people who didn't know what rodeo was or about the cowboy thing at all, he was interesting because he just carried himself like a real successful cat," Steiner said in an interview. "The smile, the gleam, the sparkle he had — he was just the whole deal. He made rodeo cowboys cool."

Mr. Mahan began competing professionally in the early 1960s, quickly establishing himself as one of the sport's biggest headliners. As a rookie, he won first place in bull riding at the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association championships. He also competed in saddle bronc and bareback riding.

Starting in 1966, Mr. Mahan won an unprecedented five straight all-around world championships — a streak that ended only after he broke his leg in two places. (During his career, he also broke his foot, his jaw and at least three vertebrae.) He won the all-around a sixth time in 1973. He also won bull riding championships in 1965 and 1967.

Mr. Mahan attributed his success to entering as many rodeos as he could, typically 90 a year. He learned to fly and bought his own plane, which allowed him to compete in several competitions per weekend. Unlike other cowboys, he avoided saloons. He stayed at Howard Johnson motels because he liked the ice cream.

Mr. Mahan was a bull savant, keeping notes on their mannerisms and tendencies. He both respected and feared them.



1974 PHOTO/ AP

Larry Mahan won an unprecedented five straight all-around world championships, followed by a sixth title a few years later.

"Bulls are the meanest, rankest creatures on earth," he told Sports Illustrated in 1973. "Horses don't try to step on you when they throw you off. They don't want to trip. Bulls love to step on you, or whip your face into the back of their skull and break your nose and knock out your teeth."

To hang on, "You have to transform yourself into some kind of a small beast," Mr. Mahan said. When mounting a saddle bronc, he'd tell himself, "Some people can make every right move and come in second. I make the same moves and come in first. I am a winner."

Larry Edward Mahan was born in Brooks, Ore., on Nov. 21, 1943, and grew up on his family's farm not far from Salem. His parents bought him his first horse when he was 7.

"She was half Arab, half quarter horse, no papers, and we had her around three or four months, five months, and she had a colt — we didn't even know she was bred — and I was just so in love with horses and riding," he told Cowboys & Indians magazine last year.

In 1957, he entered his first rodeo, winning $6 and a belt buckle that is now displayed at the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame in Colorado. After graduating high school, he moved to Arizona, where he hoped to join a college rodeo team, but tuition was too expensive so he joined the rodeo circuit.

While competing at an event in Oregon, announcer Mel Lambert told the audience: "That cowboy who just finished his ride is Larry Mahan. Now don't you forget that name, because someday he is going to be the all-around champion."

Years later, Lambert told Sports Illustrated, "You could just see it — the way he sat on a horse and spurred, he was all business and he had the try [a cowboy's term for never-say-die] to get him wherever he wanted to go."

In 1973, Mr. Mahan was featured in "The Great American Cowboy," which won the Academy Award for best documentary feature. A Los Angeles Times review called it an "exceptionally well-made documentary about rodeos and professional cowboys which captures the carnival-like atmosphere and deadly seriousness of the sport as well as the compulsive, competitive psyche of the professional cowboy."

Mr. Mahan capitalized on his fame like other professional athletes of his time, endorsing a line of clothing, boots and cowboy hats. "Generation after generation wear Larry Mahan Western Wear," one ad said. "Rodeo champ Larry Mahan is one tough dude with a lot of style," another ad said. "He makes looking good look easy."

His boots made an appearance in Cormac McCarthy's 2005 novel "No Country for Old Men" when a customer asks a shopkeeper, "Do you carry the Larry Mahans?" (The store did not.)

Mr. Mahan also recorded a country music album titled "King of the Rodeo" and acted in several films and made-for-TV movies, including "The Good Old Boys" starring Tommy Lee Jones, Frances McDormand and Sam Shepard.

Mr. Mahan was married several times. A list of survivors was not available.

His greatest ride was probably atop a bull named Old 27 — the second time he rode him. The first time Old 27 knocked him off in three seconds. Mr. Mahan was ready when they met again the next year.

"The battle that followed is considered to be the greatest that has ever taken place in man's uneasy quest for riding room on the back of a bull," the Saturday Evening Post wrote. "The instant the gate opened, Old 27 became a flowing mass of muscle, cat-quick and violent."

Mr. Mahan held on until the 8-second buzzer, and the judges awarded him a score of 92 — the highest ever.

Asked later how he defied the bull, Mr. Mahan said: "Positive thinking. I just positively thought I'd better stay on."

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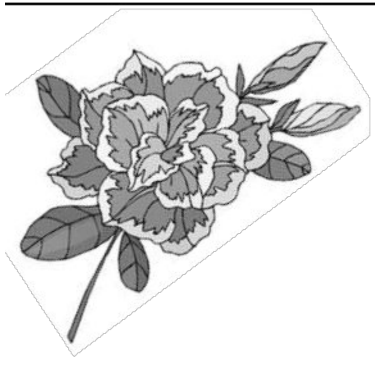
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DEATH NOTICE

ASTORINO

MARGARITA "BONNI" ASTORINO (Age 81)

Margarita "Bonni" (Nassif) Astorino, age 81, of Springfield, passed away on Saturday, May 13, 2023, beloved wife of Thomas F.; mother of Stephanie Brandon (Derek); grandmother of Hannah and James; sister of Georgean Sharp (George Armes); aunt of Quentin Sharp (Sharon), Aaron Sharp, William Price and Hanna Nassif; also survived by eight great nephews and nieces and many loving and supportive friends. Friends welcome Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 2 to 4 p.m., Demaine Funeral Home, 5308 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA 22152, (703) 941-9428. A graveside service will be held at Mt. Royal Cemetery, 2700 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA 15116, (412) 487-5100. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in memory of Bonni Astorino to Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO), 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, VA 22150, (703) 569-7972, https://www.echo-inc.org/. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at
www.demainefunerals.com

BUENO

ALBERTO C. BUENO

On May 11, 2023, Alberto C. Bueno passed away in Fairfax, Virginia, from complications of Alzheimer's. He is survived by his four children: Rev. Alberto F. Bueno, TOR, Eduardo Bueno (wife, Venetta), Maria Bueno-Minnick (husband, Woodrow), Rafael Bueno (spouse, Milton); four grandchildren: Carlos Cervantes, Jr., Nathaniel Bueno, Maria Cristina Cervantes, and Kevin Bueno.
Alberto was born in Havana, Cuba, in November 1931, youngest son of Salvador Bueno and Clara Menéndez. He worked at his father's barbershop, "El Salón Inglaterra'"in Havana. He married the love of his life, Rosario, in 1954. As a result of the Cuban Revolution, they emigrated with their two young sons to Miami, Florida, in 1963. After the birth of their daughter, they settled in Falls Church, VA, where his youngest son was born.
Alberto and his wife were involved in the Cursillos de Cristiandad, first in the Archdiocese of Washington, DC, and then expanding into Northern Virginia. He was also an active member of the Knights of Columbus; a past Grand Knight and the founding Grand Knight of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Council in Falls Church. He was past Faithful Navigator of the Father Malloy 4th degree Assembly (1987-88). He worked as a barber in various shops in Northern Virginia and fully retired in 2009.
The Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m., Friday, May 19, 2023, at St. Michael Catholic Church, 7401 St. Michael's Lane, Annandale, Virginia 22003, with burial to follow at Fairfax Memorial Park, 9900 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA 22032. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association (https://www.alz.org/).

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DEATH NOTICE

CUTBIRTH

LAUREL LEE CUTBIRTH
March 2, 1953 - May 2, 2023

The family of Laurel Lee Owens Cutbirth is sad to announce that she passed away at Inova Fairfax Hospital on Tuesday, May 2. She was 70 years old. She suffered from multiple illnesses for many years and is no longer in pain.
Always a kind, caring soul, she is survived by sisters Margaret Verry of Fairfax, VA, Patricia Owens of Portland, OR; brothers Michael Owens of Madison County, VA, and Richard Owens of Fairfax, VA and their spouses. She is also survived by six nieces and nephews; 11 great nieces and nephews; and many cousins.
A celebration of her life and burial of her ashes will be held at a later date to be announced. Should any want to donate in her memory, she loved animals so any animal charity or shelter would be her wish.

FRAZIER

DONALD ROBERT FRAZIER

Entered into eternal rest on Friday, April 21, 2023. He is survived by his beloved wife, Christine; three children, Teon, Doneen "Neena", and Christine "Tina"; four grandchildren, Jasmyn, Teon Jr., Leyoness, and Arianna; brother, Kirklin Jr.; nephew, Benjamin; and a host of other relatives and friends. Mr. Frazier will lie in state at J.B. Jenkins Funeral Home, 7474 Landover Rd., Landover, MD 20785, on May 19, 2023, the viewing at 12:30 p.m. and the service at 1:30 p.m. Interment at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

GREENE

EUNICE MAGDALENE GREENE

Age 97, on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Visitation 10 a.m., Mass of Christian Burial 11 a.m., Friday, May 19, Church of the Incarnation, 880 Eastern Ave., NE.

HAVERKOS

LYNNE HAVERKOS

Lynne Haverkos, 72, of Rockville, Maryland, passed away on Sunday, May 7, 2023 in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Lynne, the most loving, supportive, and kind wife, mother, and grandmother (Nymmy Nym) is survived by her husband Harry; son Daniel (Rebecca); daughters Kathryn Clark (Paul) and Colleen Brauer (Brandon); brother Frank Janecek (Patricia); sister Jan Okeson (Ken); and eight grandchildren; Bridget, Matthew, Jay, Josiah, Brady, Tobias, Charlie, and Penny. Predeceased by brother Kenny Janecek (Linda).

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 20 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 10401 Armory Ave., Kensington, MD 20895 with a visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Please visit:
stpaulsk.org/worship/memorials

DEATH NOTICE

JONES



MURIEL JONES

Muriel "Mike" Jones passed away peacefully at home, at the age of 92, on Sunday, May 7, 2023 surrounded by family and friends. She is survived by her children, Teri (Trish) of Perkasie, PA, William David, and Michael (Jena) Talarico of Rockville, MD; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Also survived by many other relatives and friends. "Mike" as she was known, worked at the National Naval Medical Center (Walter Reed Military Hospital) in Bethesda, for 63 years, retiring in 2014 at the age of 84.
Family will receive friends at Pumphrey's Rockville, 300 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville, MD on Sunday, May 21 from 3 to 6 p.m. and Monday, May 22 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. followed by a service at 10:30 a.m. Interment to follow to Parklawn Memorial Park. Please view and sign online family guestbook at
www.pumphreyfuneralhome.com

LAMAGRA



PAULA ANN LAMAGRA

Paula entered into eternal life on May 11, 2023. She was a native of North Jersey and lived in Bologna, Italy where she was employed by Johns Hopkins University, SAIS. Ms. LaMagra moved to the Washington, DC area in 1981 for employment for the government with tours in Asia, the Middle East, North Africa and Europe. In 1997 she was employed at Medtel, Int'l as a paralegal. She was a Kennedy Center staff employee for 20 years. She was also a member of St. Marks Catholic Church in Vienna, VA. She is survived by her sister, Kathryn Kennedy of Stuart, Florida. Services will be private. In her memory, please make a donation to the Parkinsons Foundation or Inova Schar Cancer Institute. The onine guestbook is available at
www.moneyandking.com

PROCTOR



THOMAS ARNOLD PROCTOR

Thomas Arnold Proctor of Waldorf, MD entered into eternal rest on April 25, 2023. He was born on December 12, 1950 at Freedmen's Hospital at Howard University in Washington, DC to Elizabeth Thelma and Thomas Hesperdes Thompson.
At the age of 19, he enlisted in the United States Army, where he served with bravery and distinction as a member of the 25th Infantry Division during the Vietnam War. He received a Bronze Star, which is the third highest honor in combat.
After the war, Thomas met and later married Mary Proctor. Thomas and Mary eventually divorced but remained close friends throughout the rest of his life. He is survived by his children, Tarsha Proctor Standridge (Glenn) and Corry Proctor (Angela); grandchildren Taila Townsend (Gregory), Langston Standridge, Lennon Standridge, Corry Proctor Jr. and Chozen Proctor; siblings Garland Proctor(Ann), Elizabeth Cynthia Harris(Theodore), Byron Thompson; a host of nieces and nephews and his close friend Marlene. He is predeceased by his granddaughter Corraye Proctor, and his brothers John Irving Proctor(Patricia) and James Wayne Proctor(Lorraine).
A memorial service will be held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic church in Clinton, MD. at 10 a.m. on May 22 with a repast following the service at 12 noon. Burial at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham, MD. will be later in June.

SMITH



JAMES HOWARD SMITH

James Howard Smith (79) passed away on May 3, 2023, after years of serious illnesses. He was born in Camden, New Jersey on December 29, 1943, to James and Charlotte Smith. He moved to Waldwick, NJ and attended Midland Park High from 1958-1962. He then attended Eastern Michigan University for three years before enlisting in the US Army in 1967.
He was selected to attend the Monterey Language Institute to become a Vietnamese translator. During the Vietnam War, he was injured resulting in serious disability. Once returning from Vietnam, he married Catherine Boyle on September 13, 1970, and returned to Eastern Michigan to finish his degree in 1971.
Jim spent his career in the airline industry, starting with Delta Airlines in New York.
He transferred to Atlanta, Georgia and became a computer programmer when the airline industry entered the digital age.
After retiring, the Smiths moved to Virginia to be closer to their sons because of Jim's illnesses. Needing more care, he spent his last months at Sunrise of Fairfax where he made quick friends and received great care. A lover of music, movies, and sports, he remained happy to the end.
He is survived by his wife, Cathy Smith; brother, Robert Smith; his two sons, Rob Smith and Scott Smith and their wives Libby Smith and Heather Smith; and three grandchildren, Jackson, Eloise, and Gemma.
A celebration of Jim's life will be on Friday, May 19, 2023, at 3 p.m. at Money & King Funeral Home, 171 Maple Ave. W, Vienna, VA 22180. The family online guestbook is available at
www.moneyandking.com

STUTMAN



DAVID STUTMAN
1923-2023

On Friday, May 12, 2023, David Stutman passed away at age 99.

David was a lifelong Washingtonian. He grew up on Spring Road NW, attended Raymond Elementary, MacFarland Junior High and Roosevelt High School. His childhood stomping ground was the Raymond Playground. He graduated from George Washington University and completed the Education for Public Management Program at the University of Washington (Seattle).

David enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943. He served as a machine gunner in the 145th Infantry, 37th Division during WWII in the South Pacific, earning two battle stars for combat in Bougainville and Luzon.

David was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Valor and the Oak Leaf Cluster for heroic achievement at Luzon. On April 27, 1945 he was the only ammunition carrier of the first machine gun squad to reach the peak of Mount Pacawagan. When the first gunner was wounded he became the assistant gunner, ultimately defending his position against the enemy counter-attack with his rifle. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered during the Battle of Manila while rescuing wounded Americans who had been booby-trapped by the enemy.

David was a patriotic American and a career civil servant for 40 years at the Pentagon. He served as Chief of Management in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics on the Army Staff. He received numerous citations including the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service from the Secretary of the Army. During his career, he served as the Army Logistics Representative on the Army Reorganization Commission which successfully implemented the Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986 (Goldwater - Nichols Act).

David loved telling stories, following the Washington Senators and the Washington Redskins, azalea gardening, playing tennis and baseball as a youth, golf, traveling around the country and the world with his daughters, and serving as Chief of Staff for his grandchildren. He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans and passionate about the State of Israel. He was known as "Daddy" to family and friends and "Grandpa Dave" to his beloved grandchildren.

David is survived by his devoted daughters Rochelle Eisenberg (Stephen d.), Barbara Kruglak (Alan), and Valerie Portney. Also survived by his seven grandchildren Lauren Feldman (Steven), Michael Eisenberg (Nikki Campbell), Rachel Eisenberg, Danielle Wentworth (Brian), Eric Kruglak (Jennifer), Alexandra Portney, Joey Portney; and his six great-grandchildren Spencer, Poppy and Dylan Feldman, Wren Eisenberg, Arielle and Cody Wentworth; and numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his wife of 47 years, Antoinette, son Russell, parents Daniel and Yetta (Loube) Stutman, brother Philip Baker, and sisters Jean Schwartz and Betty Abramson.

David will be buried on a future date at Arlington National Cemetery. A Memorial Service and Shiva was held at the home of Lauren and Steven Feldman on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in David's memory may be made to a charity of your choice.

DEATH NOTICE

NELSON

REBECCA NELSON (Age 82)

Transitioned on Tuesday, May 2, 2023. Family will receive friends at Real Power AME, 10201 Old Indian Head Road, Upper Marlboro, MD, on May 19, 2023, Visitation 10 a.m., Service 11 a.m. Services by Freeman.

O'NEIL

MARY MARGARET LYNCH O'NEIL

Fondly remembered as MM or Ems, Mary Margaret O'Neil of Washington, DC peacefully passed away at home surrounded by family on May 10, 2023 at the age of 90. She is preceded in death by her husband Tom O'Neil; parents John J. and Mary Angela Lynch; brothers Jack, Bill, and Joe Lynch; and sister Ann Lynch. She is survived by her brother Tom Lynch and sister Kay (Tom) Inglesby as well as five children Tom (Rosie) O'Neil, Kerry (Scott) Matejik, Casey (Katie) O'Neil, Megan (Jamie) Beidleman, Patrick (Lisa) O'Neil, 13 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Visitation, 9 a.m., and Mass of Christian burial, 10 a.m., at Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Friday, May 19, 2023. Internment follows at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Washington, DC. Memorial contributions are appreciated to Capital Caring Hospice, 5225 Wisconsin Ave., NW, #503, Washington, DC 20015 or St George Catholic Church, 19199 St. George's Church Rd., Valley Lee, MD 20692. Graciously sign guest registry at:
www.devolfuneralhome.com

SOLOMON



JAY MURRIE SOLOMON

Jay Murrie Solomon, 86, passed away peacefully on Sunday May 14, 2023. Jay was born on June 6, 1936 in Washington, DC, the son of Harry and Rose Solomon. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Elaine Solomon, who he was married to for 49 wonderful years. He is survived by his children Brent (Tracy), Craig, and Eric (Jennifer), and his grandchildren Cassidy, Samantha, and Matthew Solomon. Jay is also survived by his brothers Bernie and Harvey Solomon. Those who knew Jay admire his heart, intelligence, independence, and humor - and most importantly his strength, fighting hard until the end. Per Jay's wishes, the family will be holding a celebration of life, please reach out directly to the family for further details.

DEATH NOTICE

TOMCZYK



ALFRED JOHN TOMCZYK
LTC USA (RET.) (Age 87)

On Saturday, May 13, 2023 of Alexandria, VA. Beloved husband of the late Roberta Teresa Tomczyk; cherished father of Mary Elizabeth "MaryBeth" Keller (Brian), Roseann Teresa Caceda (Andy) and Stephen Alfred Tomczyk (Ellen); grandfather of Joshua, Thomas and Grace Keller, Isabella and Andy Caceda, Jr. and Taylor, Drew and the late Cole Tomczyk. He will be missed by many. Relatives and friends may call for visitation at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr. Alexandria, VA 22315, on Thursday, May 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1427 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA 22302, on Friday, May 19 at 11 a.m. Interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery on a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research or the Wounded Warrior Project. Please view and sign the family guestbook at
www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com

IN MEMORIAM

DUREN



EDITH DUREN
August 1, 1928 – May 17, 2020

Mom, death leaves a heartache
no one can heal,
your love leaves memories
no one can steal.
We truly miss you!

Your Loving Children,
Grandchildren & Great-Grandkids

DEATH NOTICE

CORBETT



JOHN CHARLES CORBETT
CDR, SC, USN

John C. Corbett of Springfield, VA passed away at home on May 4, 2023. He was born on October 9, 1952 in Washington, DC to Annie and Charles Corbett. He is predeceased by his beloved parents. John graduated from Miami University in 1974 with a BA in Business and earned MBAs from George Washington University and the Naval Postgraduate School. John married his wife Alice in 1980. They have two children, Matthew and Elizabeth. John spent 20+ years in the US Navy as a Supply Officer. Upon retirement, he worked as National Director of Distribution for Whole Foods for 10 years followed by being a Fellow at LMI, McLean, VA with many years working with Defense Logistics Agency. He is survived by his wife Alice; his sister Janice Corbett; and his children Matthew Corbett and his wife Carly Corbett and his daughter Elizabeth (Corbett) Benitez and her husband Tristan Benitez. He considered all four of them "his" children.
John was a dedicated Naval officer and logistician. He was an accomplished musician of trombone, piano and organ. He was a Boy Scout leader and mentor of Eagle Scouts for almost 30 years. He was a devout member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Burke, VA and a member of a special hiking and camping group "The Old Goats." He loved cooking, good wine, and his many friends. He will be missed.
A memorial service will be held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Burke, VA on May 20, 2023 at 11 a.m. Internment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Boy Scouts of America, Episcopal Relief Fund or a charity of your choice.

LEONARD



MARYJANE F. LEONARD ED.D.

Maryjane F. Leonard of Spring Valley, California died peacefully in her home with her beloved husband, Jack, and her children by her side on April 19, 2023 following a courageous battle with cancer. She leaves behind an enduring legacy of love and service to others. Whether you called her Jane, Janie, Mom or Grandma you knew what defined her – Faith, Family, Flag and Friends. Jane Leonard was a powerful force of good in this world. She will be deeply missed by so many but especially by her family who love her so very much. Mom, we know you are in Heaven, now our guardian angel, continuing to pray for us, guide us and protect us.
A mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at Santa Sophia Catholic Church in Spring Valley, CA. The funeral mass will begin at 11 a.m., with the Rosary and Words of Remembrance commencing at 10:30 a.m. A memorial service for Jane's burial at Arlington National Cemetery will take place at a future date.
Please visit the websites of Featheringill Mortuary and Mountcastle Turch Funeral Home for more detail on Jane's life, legacy and full obituary.
https://www.featheringillmortuary.com
https://www.mountcastle.net

MOIEN



BARRY MOIEN (Age 79)

On Sunday, May 14, 2023, BARRY PAUL MOIEN of Greenbelt, MD, passed away at home at the age of 79. A Washington, DC, native, Barry was the son of Abe and Lena Moien. In 1965, Barry married the girl around the corner, Mary Berezoski, and they were together ever since.
Barry was always interested in photography and for many years owned and operated Custom Touch Color Lab, a lab for professional photographers in Brentwood, MD. He also was a member and officer of several local professional photography and lab organizations. He loved to travel in the US and most enjoyed visiting Disney World. Barry and his family also enjoyed camping locally and he and Mary made several trips cross country to see the sights, especially National Parks and Monuments. Most of his married life was spent in Greenbelt and in retirement he started organizing bus trips for seniors. The seniors in Greenbelt loved Barry and his trips and his hats and his jokes and his surprise snacks. Many commented that they would not have traveled anywhere if it weren't for the trips that "Mary and Barry" organized.
Barry is survived by his wife, Mary, and his two wonderful daughters, Kathleen Brown (Michael) of New Bern NC and Suzanne Johnson (Noel) of Washington, DC. He is also survived by his granddaughter Sloane Kiara Brown and by his brothers Joel (the late Vilma) Moien of College Park, MD, and Allen (Judi) Moien of Greenbelt. Barry is also survived by many other loving family members and friends. Graveside funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2023, 1 p.m at Greenbelt Cemetery, Greenbelt, MD. After the service, shiva will be observed at family home until 8 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to TORCHINSKY HEBREW FUNERAL HOME, 202-541-1001.

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DEATH NOTICE

BREEN



ELEANORE BREEN

Eleanore Elizabeth Breen, age 101, of Fairfax, VA passed away peacefully on Monday, April 24, 2023 surrounded by her loving family. She was preceded in death by her husband of 75 years, George A. Breen; her daughter, Patricia; her brothers, Michael and John; and her sisters, Anne, Pauline, and Ethel. She is survived by her sons, Bob (Maryke), Richard, and Michael; her grandchildren, Tess, Aleta, and Adam (Christopher); and her sister, Ruth Malley. A visitation will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2023 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Demaine Funeral Home, Fairfax, VA. Memorial service will be on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Fairfax Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Lamb Center, 3160 Campbell Dr, Fairfax, VA 22031. To express condolences, share fond memories and for more information please visit
www.demainefairfaxfuneralhome.com

COVINGTON



BEULAH HAMER COVINGTON

Transitioned peacefully to eternal rest on Sunday, May 7, 2023. She is survived by her children, William Covington, Stanley Covington, Joyce Covington and Shondel McCullough-Collins (Timothy); six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; one sister A. Margaret Moore; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends. The family will receive friends Thursday, May 18, 2023 9:30 a.m. until the service of celebration 11 a.m. at Union Temple Baptist Church, 1225 W Street, SE, Washington, DC 20020. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Fort Lincoln Funeral Home and Cemetery.

JACKSON



DORIS W. JACKSON

DORIS W. JACKSON was called to her heavenly home on May 8, 2023. She is survived by her loving sister, son, daughter, grandchildren, great grandchildren and host of family and friends. Celebration of Life is May 20, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. until time of service 11 a.m. at Greater First Baptist Church, 2701 13th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009. Interment will be at a later date.

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(PER DAY)

MONDAY-SATURDAY
Black & White
1" - $155 (text only)
2" - $355 (text only)
3" - $505
4" - $555
5" - $700

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Black & White
1"- $185 (text only)
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5" - $765

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5" - $855

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Color
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5" - $955

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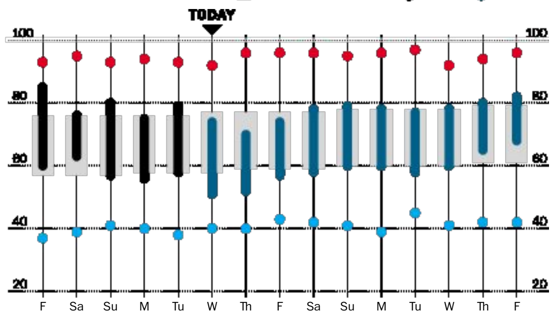
Cooler and breezy

Some clouds may still be in the process of clearing from overnight early in the morning. Otherwise, sunny, cool and breezy conditions are the rule. The area spends much of the day in the 60s but may hit 70 late.

Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Sunny, breezy	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	T-storm	Partly sunny	Partly sunny
74° 51°	70° 52°	74° 57°	78° 58°	79° 60°	78° 60°
FEELS*: **74°**	FEELS: **75°**	FEELS: **77°**	FEELS: **76°**	FEELS: **82°**	FEELS: **81°**
CHNCE PRECIP: **0%**	P: **0%**	P: **10%**	P: **65%**	P: **5%**	P: **10%**
WIND: **N 10–20 mph**	W: **ESE 7–14 mph**	W: **SSE 7–14 mph**	W: **S 7–14 mph**	W: **N 6–12 mph**	W: **N 7–14 mph**
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Temperatures

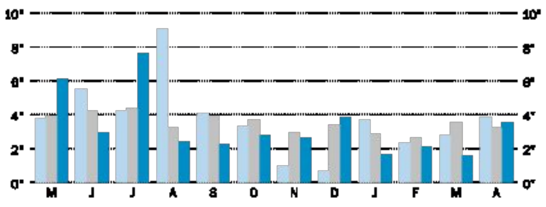


Statistics through 5 p.m. Tuesday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**79°** 3:06 p.m.	**80°** 12:47 p.m.	**82°** 1:41 p.m.
Low	**58°** 5:00 a.m.	**54°** 6:00 a.m.	**56°** 6:00 a.m.
Normal	76°/58°	75°/53°	75°/53°
Record high	93° 1911	90° 1998	92° 1998
Record low	38° 1920	35° 2000	37° 2016

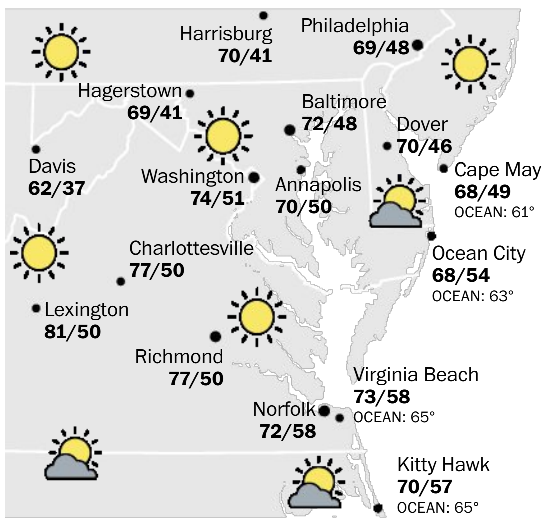
Difference from 30–yr. avg. (National): this month: **–2.1°** yr. to date: **+4.1°**

Precipitation



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	Trace	Trace	0.00"
Total this month	0.26"	0.75"	0.40"
Normal	2.01"	2.37"	1.92"
Total this year	9.14"	9.25"	9.87"
Normal	14.20"	14.89"	15.30"

REGION



Pollen: High

Grass	High
Trees	High
Weeds	Low
Mold	Moderate

Air Quality: Moderate
Dominant cause: Ozone

UV: Very High
10 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, partly sunny, except sunnier in northern parts. High 57 to 66. Winds north 6–12 mph. Tonight, mainly clear. Low 39 to 46. Winds light and variable. Thursday, mostly sunny, but sunny in northern parts. High 55 to 65.

Atlantic beaches: Today, breezy. Sunny; partly sunny in the south. High 68 to 73. Winds north 10–20 mph. Tonight, clear. Low 46 to 58. Winds east-northeast 7–14 mph. Thursday, partly sunny. High 63 to 67. Winds east 8–16 mph.

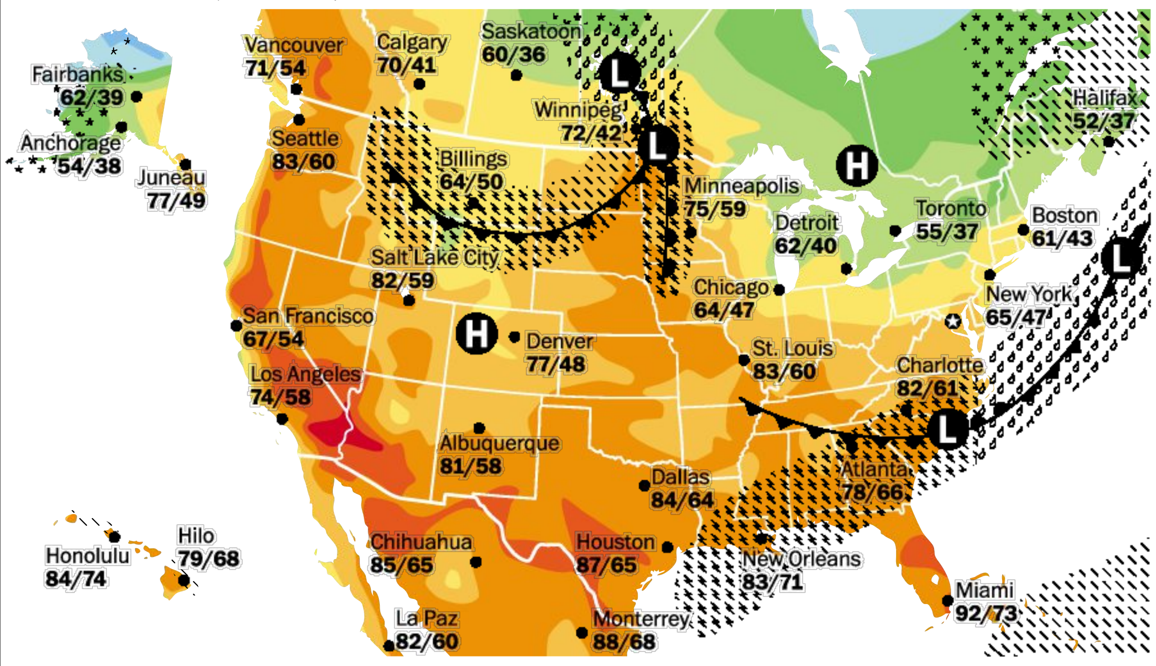
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, sunny. Wind north 7–14 knots. Waves 2 feet or less. Visibility generally unrestricted. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, sunny. Wind north 8–16 knots. Waves 1–2 feet on the Lower Potomac; 2–4 feet on the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 4.00 feet today, with no change of 4.00 Thursday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	1:24 a.m.	**6:56 a.m.**	2:12 p.m.	**7:26 p.m.**
Annapolis	**4:25 a.m.**	10:53 a.m.	**4:22 p.m.**	10:18 p.m.
Ocean City	12:29 a.m.	**6:22 a.m.**	12:31 p.m.	**6:50 p.m.**
Norfolk	2:35 a.m.	**8:33 a.m.**	2:30 p.m.	**8:58 p.m.**
Point Lookout	**12:08 a.m.**	7:04 a.m.	**12:20 p.m.**	6:21 p.m.

NATION

Weather map features for noon today.



Yesterday's National
High: Palm Springs, CA **102°**
Low: Gothic, CO **28°**
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Bilma, Niger **114°**
Low: Cape Chelyuskin, Russia **1°**
excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	60/35/s	68/45/s
Albuquerque	81/58/t	77/56/t
Anchorage	54/38/s	62/46/s
Atlanta	78/66/t	70/60/t
Austin	88/62/pc	88/64/s
Baltimore	72/48/s	70/51/s
Billings, MT	64/50/t	69/42/s
Birmingham	77/63/t	80/65/t
Bismarck, ND	78/46/t	60/41/pc
Boise	82/55/pc	85/57/s
Boston	61/43/s	63/48/s
Buffalo	54/38/s	67/52/pc
Burlington, VT	51/35/pc	65/48/s
Charleston, SC	86/67/t	73/62/t
Charleston, WV	73/42/s	79/56/s
Charlotte	82/61/pc	77/55/pc
Cheyenne, WY	72/46/t	56/43/t
Chicago	64/47/s	74/60/pc
Cincinnati	72/46/s	74/59/s
Cleveland	58/40/s	68/54/s
Dallas	84/64/pc	86/69/pc
Denver	77/48/t	60/49/t
Des Moines	79/57/pc	80/52/t
Detroit	62/40/s	68/49/s
El Paso	89/69/t	86/68/c
Fairbanks, AK	62/39/pc	67/48/s
Fargo, ND	83/51/c	61/43/c
Hartford, CT	63/37/s	67/46/s
Honolulu	84/74/pc	80/73/r
Houston	87/65/t	89/67/pc
Indianapolis	73/45/s	76/55/s
Jackson, MS	83/65/t	84/62/t
Jacksonville, FL	88/67/t	82/66/t
Kansas City, MO	81/58/s	83/61/pc
Las Vegas	94/75/pc	94/74/pc
Little Rock	81/63/c	85/68/pc
Los Angeles	74/58/pc	76/60/pc
Louisville	79/53/s	80/64/s
Memphis	81/63/pc	87/67/pc
Miami	92/73/t	91/75/t
Milwaukee	57/43/s	70/56/pc
Minneapolis	75/59/pc	67/44/t
Nashville	84/60/s	82/61/t
New Orleans	83/71/t	85/72/t
New York City	65/47/s	64/52/s
Norfolk	72/58/pc	67/61/pc
Oklahoma City	78/61/pc	78/63/t
Omaha	85/57/s	78/51/t
Orlando	93/70/pc	93/71/t
Philadelphia	69/48/s	68/50/s
Phoenix	99/78/s	95/73/pc
Pittsburgh	64/39/s	73/55/s
Portland, ME	57/35/s	60/43/s
Portland, OR	89/61/s	86/60/pc
Providence, RI	65/39/s	63/46/s
Raleigh, NC	82/57/pc	74/55/pc
Reno, NV	86/53/s	86/57/s
Richmond	77/50/pc	72/50/pc
Sacramento	91/55/s	85/56/s
St. Louis	83/60/s	83/65/t
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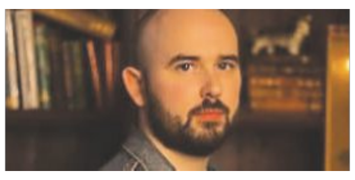
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Look what you made them do

Many fans couldn't snag tickets to Taylor Swift's Eras Tour. So now they're swarming venue parking lots.

BY EMILY YAHR
IN PHILADELPHIA

Daniela Mello, 29, was on Facebook recently when she spotted a thread from her neighborhood group: strategies about how to sneak into the Eagles football stadium for Taylor Swift's sold-out Eras Tour. Maybe bribe an hourly employee, someone suggested. Others advised that if you carry a ladder with confidence, you can get in just about anywhere.

"I mean, they were all crazy ideas," Mello said. "But the thing is, one comment that caught my attention the most was like, 'That is actually way more realistic than actually getting tickets.'"

Even though the commenters were (probably?) kidding, the very difficult odds of scoring tickets to Swift's 52-date stadium tour are no joke — which is what brought Mello and her fiance to an area outside the gates of Lincoln Financial Field on Saturday night, where they sat on concrete parking barriers near a sign for Lot K. Around them, thousands more Swift fans swarmed parking lots and closed streets by the stadium, screaming and dancing and singing and sometimes crying along to Swift's vocals that rang out from the

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TOP: Ellie Stokes, left, and Anna Keeling were among the thousands who listened to Taylor Swift from the parking lot outside of Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. ABOVE: From left, Demí Ferker, Jackie Lord and Laura Bennett show off their Swift-themed friendship bracelets.

TV REVIEW

Dramedy is an oasis for oddball storytelling

BY LILI LOOFBOUROW

Bernadette Peters and Patricia Arquette make sense as mother and daughter the moment you think of their voices. Both sometimes access a posh, low, slightly unnatural register for emphasis, and both speak with a pleasing but idiosyncratic cadence, clipping some syllables and drawing others out. One is brunette and the other blond, but they're both vivacious, clever, tricky to place in time and more than a little bit weird.

Alas, Peters's character, Roslyn, has died when the madcap first season of "High Desert," Nancy Fichman, Katie Ford and Jennifer Hoppe-House's new Apple TV Plus dramedy, kicks off. Arquette plays her daughter, defender and best friend, Peggy Newman. And in Peggy, who comes to our screens Wednesday, TV has a new odd and utterly captivating protagonist.

With "Mommy" dead, Peggy's spiraling. She's been slowly lowering her methadone dosage to get sober, and she's shocked when her siblings, Dianne (Christine Taylor) and Stewart (Keir O'Donnell) — who had been paying the mortgage — inform her that they're selling the home she shared with their mother.

A former drug dealer, addict and hustler, Peggy — whose husband, Denny (Matt Dillon), is in prison — had been taking care of Roslyn while also working part time (with gusto, mind you, giving it her all) as a cancan dancer and stage fighter at a ramshackle amusement park called Pioneer Town.

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Revelations in 'Secrets of Hillsong' docuseries

BY ASHLEY FETTERS MALOY

A portrait of Carl Lentz peers out above the title in the main advertising images for the new FX and Vanity Fair documentary series "The Secrets of Hillsong," holding up a pair of crossed fingers.

To many, the once-celebrated "hipster pastor" is still the face of the church organization, despite the fact that the branch he led in New York — famously frequented in the mid-2010s by the likes of Justin Bieber, some Kardashians and Kevin Durant — is one of Hillsong's 80 or so locations worldwide. Nearly three years after he was fired, he remains a figure of widespread fascination, and "The Secrets of Hillsong" capitalizes on the intrigue: The documentary, which will air its first two episodes on FX on Friday and its second two May 26 (with each set available on Hulu the following day), offers the first substantial on-the-record comments from Lentz since his firing, and they are as revealing and thoughtful as anyone might hope.

Many of the series's numerous allegations against Hillsong have been previously reported in news stories and documentaries, such as last year's "Hillsong: A Megachurch Exposed" on Discovery Plus. They include: allegations of discrimination against women, people of color and the LGBTQ community; disturbingly close scrutiny of young adults' sex lives; exploitation of volunteer labor; and church leaders' extravagant personal use of donated funds.

The series also airs previously known allegations that the church downplayed and even concealed sexual misconduct, including by

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Martha Stewart's cover broke a record, but did it break barriers?

BY ADELA SULIMAN

Martha Stewart is breaking boundaries and commanding the social media spotlight yet again, this time with an appearance at age 81 on the cover of Sports Illustrated's annual swimsuit issue.

The television personality and home-decor doyenne is the oldest woman to grace the front of the magazine's celebrated issue, beating the record of then-74-year-old Maye Musk — mother of Elon, Twitter and Tesla chief executive — when she appeared in 2022.

"I am so thrilled to be on the cover," Stewart wrote on Instagram, sharing a photo of herself clad in a white, deeply plunging one-piece suit.

She added: "My motto has always been: 'when you're through changing, you're through,' so I thought, why not be up for this opportunity of a lifetime? I hope this cover inspires you to challenge yourself to try new things, no matter what stage of life you are in."

Her appearance has triggered praise as well as conversation about the subtle messages the cover photo sends about aging.

"Crafting, gardening, cooking, modeling, restaurant owner.... What can't Martha do? Unstoppable," one fan wrote on Instagram.

"An icon," another said.

Fellow celebrities also shared their admiration, including actress Jennifer Garner ("You are amazing!") and Ellen Pompeo, of "Grey's Anatomy" fame. "Congratulations Queen," Pompeo wrote. "... You continue to school us all in what it means ...and what it takes to be extraordinary."

But there were also calls for high-profile women such as Stewart to "age honestly."

"Audiences and readers are well aware that the women featured will already have had access to all the advantages of privileged lifestyles, as well as top photographers and stylists," said Deborah Jermyn, an author and academic specializing in feminism and media at the University of Roehampton in England.

"At the very least, these kinds of moments prompt renewed discussion and awareness of beauty standards, ageism and our enduring cultural investment in youth," she said Tuesday. "But of course this spills over into invaluable publicity for brands."

Shani Orgad, professor of media and communications at the London School of Economics and Political Science, agreed that it's "about time" older women gain more positive visibility in the media but said that such representation can be problematic.

Portrayals such as Stewart's "challenge decades of invisibility, stereotyping, demeaning and caricaturing older women as dowdy and irrelevant," Orgad told The Washington Post. "But this kind of visibility is also extremely uneven. We rarely see older women across lines of race, class, disability and beauty standards."

Stewart told the "Today" show on Monday that she had eliminated bread and pasta from her diet and went to Pilates classes every other day in preparation for her January photo shoot. It took place in the Dominican Republic, where she tried on nine different bathing suits and was snapped by photographer Ruven Afanador.

"To be on the cover at my age was a challenge, and I think I met the challenge," she said on "Today," adding: "It was kind of fun."

"To me, it is a testament to good living, and I think that all of us should think about good living. ... The whole aging thing is so boring."

Stewart became a prominent presence in the 1980s for her home-hospitality tips, party plan-

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Martha Stewart, 81, became the oldest woman to grace the front of Sports Illustrated's annual swimsuit issue, beating the record of then-74-year-old Maye Musk from 2022.

Without tickets, Tayl-gaters resort to finding spots outside of Swift's concerts

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enormous speakers inside the venue. If they couldn't see the pop megastar, they were certainly going to hear her.

"We're lucky to even just be in the same city as her," said Jackie Gaul, 27, of Ridley Park, Pa. She sat on a blanket on the ground with friends in Lot F, where you could hear the music surprisingly clearly, thanks to what one person described as a "sound tunnel" gap in the stadium's architecture. For Eagles games, people explained, security typically patrols the lot for tailgaters who overstay their welcome — but Gaul and her friends correctly assumed that no official in their right mind would risk upsetting diehard Swift fans by asking them to leave.

So the Swifties gathered in full force, bringing blankets, beanbag chairs, drinks and snacks. They knew that, even without laying eyes on the singer, they were still a part of the experience. During her 17-year career, Swift, 33, has created an unusually close connection with her fans by emphasizing that she's one of them and that they're all part of one big friend group. In turn, they have created tight bonds with each other, practically speaking their own language as they analyze Swift's music and her every move in general.

The mass singalong with thousands staring up at the stadium — on the second of Swift's three-night residency in Philadelphia, which the Wyomissing, Pa., native called her hometown shows — took on the feel of a religious experience in a sea of sequin dresses, pink cowboy hats and elaborate Swift-themed outfits, such as one that involved a mop and broom to symbolize Swift's song "Clean."

"What other concert are you seeing this many people sit outside the stadium, in alleys, on the floor?" said Anna Mason, 24, perched on a curb with two friends from Washington — where, to the shock and dismay of D.C.-area residents, Swift didn't schedule any tour dates. "Everyone is so special and so, so, nice, and it's just a great community."

"There's so many people here who wanted to be inside," said Shreya Srinivasan, 23, of the Philly suburbs, settled in a lawn chair on 11th Street next to her father and sister. "And they're still making the most of it."

It's hard to pinpoint how the massive Eras Tour outdoor gatherings ("Tayl-gates"?) started, but fans were inspired by TikToks that came out during the Tampa concerts in mid-April, where Swifties found just the right angle outside Raymond James Stadium, so they had a direct view of the Jumbotron. "You can see everything perfectly, and have a nice little picnic on the grass," one reported. Others followed suit in Atlanta and Nashville, even without views of the screens.

But it also started back in November, when Eras Tour tickets went on sale on Ticketmaster and sold out so quickly and so disastrously that it sparked a congressional hearing about consolidation in the ticketing industry; the company blamed bot attacks and the "massive demand" for Swift, whom they said could have filled "900 stadiums." More than 2 million people got tickets, but plenty more did not. And hype for the show — a three-hour, 15-minute spectacle with 44 songs, a journey through the "eras" of Swift's music — has only grown since the tour launched in March.

On the sidewalks and in the lots of Philadelphia, fans held out hope as they bonded over stories of trying to secure tickets and stared intently at their phones, monitoring last-minute Ticketmaster drops. They waited in the virtual queues for hours, though the screens inevitably reported that there were 2,000-plus people ahead of them. Rumors flew about stadium staff releasing tickets at the box office during the opening acts. Some monitored secondary-market sites for a drop in resale prices, though the cost seemed to spike the more they refreshed, hovering around $1,800 for "obstructed view" seats as Swift hit the stage.

"The monopoly is not okay," said Tara Ketterer, 39, of Bucks County, Pa., who arrived around noon with her 12-year-old daughter and their friends to stake out the best parking spot; they scouted out the good views when they also watched from outside the stadium Friday.

"Is nobody else crying?" one woman asked, dejected, as she drifted toward the will-call window about a half-hour after the show started, in the unlikely event of a miracle. She vowed to return Sunday for the third show to try again.

Although there were a few tear-stained faces ("It's so unfair, I want to go home!" screamed one preteen who slumped in a camping chair outside her family's car), most fans were determined to enjoy the second-best thing, which was to be swallowed up in a wave of joyous Swifties scream-singing their hearts out. You couldn't hear Swift's crowd banter between songs, but fans in the parking lots went wild when they heard the opening notes to her biggest hits, such as "You Belong With Me," "Love Story," "Shake It Off" and "All Too Well (10 Minute Version)," and they sang along to every lyric.

"I don't know, it's literally a cult," Gianni Fowler, 19, said cheerfully, standing near the stadium entrance, when asked what makes the Swift fan base so loyal.

"Everyone's just so connected, I feel like, and everyone loves Taylor. The mutual connection is really cool," said Abby Crispin, 19, who traveled with Fowler from New Jersey. "Everyone's just great, everyone's vibing, it's a really good group — "

"OH COME ON!" someone roared as a car alarm suddenly started shrieking nearby, interrupting the cathartic belting of the chorus of Swift's ballad "Enchanted": "This night is sparkling, don't you let it go."

But the Swifties quickly learned the advantages of space unrestricted by seating: There was more room to flail and dance to "Look What You Made Me Do," more room to dramatically fall to the ground and yell the lyrics of "Illicit Affairs." There was more time to make and trade friendship bracelets, a Swift tour tradition.

And there was the ability to chat with the people around you, such as Mello — the fan who spotted people scheming about how to break into the stadium — and her fiance, Chris Calligan, 29, who quickly became pals with the people in their corner of the lot and accepted their lack of concert visuals.

"I just wish they could have, like, at least a little screen, like they do at the U.S. Open," said Mello, who wore a "Me and Karma Vibe Like That" shirt and sparkly jacket. "But this is great. Honestly, I love it."

"Two hours into the show, we've paid zero dollars," confirmed Calligan, boasting his own "Swiftadelphia" T-shirt.

Jasmine Chen, 27, a woman they met that night, struck out on tickets multiple times, including almost falling prey to some scam attempts. But she also decided to have a positive attitude.

"We can pay zero dollars," she added triumphantly, "and make 10 new friends."





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"There's so many people here who wanted to be inside, and they're still making the most of it."
Shreya Srinivasan, 23, of the Philly suburbs

TOP: People gather in the parking lot of Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia to listen to Taylor Swift. ABOVE: From left, Megan Whittle, Christy White and Emma Pizzi.



EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION/AP

"To be on the cover at my age was a challenge, and I think I met the challenge," Martha Stewart, seen in 2020, said on the "Today" show. Although some have celebrated the cover, others have called for high-profile women such as Stewart to "age honestly."

Some say swimsuit cover sends a narrow message

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ning and cookbooks. She later built a media empire, hosting television shows and podcasts.

She spent time in prison in 2004 for obstructing a federal securities investigation — a five-month sentence in a minimum-security facility that she served while teaching yoga and crocheting. In recent years, she has become a social media personality who often shows up in memes, striking up a friendship with rapper Snoop Dogg and presenting an unusual narrative arc in the public eye.

It has all won her new fans of a much younger generation.

"Never in her life has she let her circumstances dictate her outcome," MJ Day, Sports Illustrated Swimsuit editor in chief, said in a statement about the shoot. "She's changed with the times — always one step ahead, it seems — to build a wide-reaching business empire."

The magazine, which for years drew buzz for covers with some of the skimpiest bikinis and most buxom of models, has taken a different approach of late.

In 2019, Muslim model Halima Aden made history as the magazine's first model to be photographed wearing a hijab and burkini, while Leyna Bloom became the first transgender cover model in its 2021 swimsuit issue. Last year's issue featured Katrina Scott as the first visibly pregnant swimsuit model.

The Martha Stewart issue goes on sale Thursday. Its other celebrity models include actress Megan Fox and musician Kim Petras.

Stewart hailed the good genes she inherited from her mother and encouraged other women to be "fearless," citing her modeling career and appearances in television commercials in her youth for building her confidence.

"Don't be afraid of anything," she said.

Musk: Soros is akin to Marvel's Jewish supervillain

BY AVI SELK AND HERB SCRIBNER

Elon Musk made a series of attacks on George Soros overnight, tweeting that the Jewish-born investor and liberal philanthropist, who often is subject to virulent antisemitic conspiracy theories, hates humanity and "wants to erode the very fabric of civilization."

Musk, who has overseen an increase of antisemitism and other hate speech on Twitter since he bought the social media platform last year, did not give a reason for singling out Soros. But he made his comments three days after Soros's investment fund reported that it had sold all its stock in Tesla, the electric carmaker that Musk also runs.

And Musk seemed to specifically reference the 92-year-old Holocaust survivor's background by comparing Soros to Magneto — a Jewish supervillain who "fights to help mutants replace humans as the world's dominant species," as Marvel's official character description puts it.

"Soros reminds me of Magneto," Musk posted at 10 p.m. Monday, apropos of nothing. The tweet triggered a flood of replies comparing Soros to various symbols of evil, recalling long-standing conspiracy theories that paint him as a godlike billionaire Jew who uses his philanthropic foundations to flood Europe with refugees and corrupt American politics.

The left-wing commentator Brian Krassenstein replied to Musk, pointing out that Magneto is a Holocaust survivor in Marvel lore, where the character manipulates magnetic fields to oppose (and occasionally help) the heroes of X-Men films and comics. "[Soros], also a Holocaust survivor, get's attacked nonstop for his good intentions which some Americans think are bad merely because they disagree with this political affiliations," he wrote.

Musk replied to Krassenstein five minutes later: "You assume they are good intentions. They are not. He wants to erode the very fabric of civilization. Soros hates humanity."

"To see Elon Musk ... comparing [George Soros] to a Jewish supervillain, claiming Soros 'hates humanity' — is not just distressing, it's dangerous."
Jonathan Greenblatt, chief executive of the Anti-Defamation League

His tweets were condemned Tuesday morning by Jonathan Greenblatt, chief executive of the Anti-Defamation League, which has catalogued similar conspiracy theories that hold Soros wants to control the world.

"Soros often is held up by the far-right, using antisemitic tropes, as the source of the world's problems," Greenblatt wrote on Twitter. "To see Elon Musk, regardless of his intent, feed this segment — comparing him to a Jewish supervillain, claiming Soros 'hates humanity' — is not just distressing, it's dangerous: it will embolden extremists who already contrive anti-Jewish conspiracies and have tried to attack Soros and Jewish communities as a result."

Musk, who has gutted Twitter's media relations department, could not immediately be reached for a response.

Soros, who was forced into hiding as a Jewish teenager in Nazi-occupied Hungary, is the focus of international hostility for his wealth, religious background, investments and Open Society Foundations, which spends hundreds of millions of dollars promoting democratic institutions and liberal causes.

Glenn Beck attacked Soros in a three-part Fox News series titled "The Puppet Master" in 2010. Donald Trump has accused him of meddling in U.S. politics. Conspiracy theorist Alex Jones has spread lies that Soros turned on other Jews during World War II and collaborated with Nazis.

Musk, who has used his position to amplify extreme-right personalities since he bought Twitter for $44 billion last year, sounded much more ambivalent about Soros a few months ago, when his company was still investing in Tesla.

Asked in January by Ian Miles Cheong — a far-right commentator who has since called for Soros to be arrested — what questions Musk would ask the philanthropist, Musk replied: "Do you actually know where your money is going?"

In March, Musk jumped into a conversation with the far-right Twitter user Catturd, who was promoting a mostly false claim that Soros donated $1 million to New York's district attorney.

"Soros figured out a clever arbitrage opportunity," Musk told Catturd. Small political contests, he said, "have much higher impact per dollar spent than the big races, so it is far easier to sway the outcome."

In fact, The Washington Post's Fact Checker found the claim highly misleading and wrote that it "plays into stereotypes of rich Jewish financiers secretly controlling events."

Magneto wasn't Jewish when the character debuted in a 1963 comic, as a one-dimensional stock villain who wanted mutants to reign supreme. Two decades later, Jewish Marvel writer Chris Claremont decided to flesh out Magneto's backstory to make him a better-rounded antagonist for the X-Men. He eventually landed on making Magneto a Holocaust survivor.

Originally named Max Eisenhardt (he later changed his name to Erik Magnus Lehnsherr), Magneto was held prisoner in the Auschwitz death camp, where Nazis ignited his disdain for the humans and sparked his quest to end their oppression of mutants such as himself. Despite his anti-human bent, Magneto occasionally show signs of righteousness and leadership, blurring the line between hero and villain.

He wasn't immediately identified as Jewish in the 1980s comics, Claremont told Vulture in 2019, because Marvel didn't know how readers would react (religion isn't exactly a major theme in the lore). It wasn't until the X-Men movies of the early 2000s and the 2009 comic book series "Magneto: Testament," that the mutant's Jewishness was made canon.

While Magneto is, at least on the surface, an inhuman genius with supernatural powers who seeks to control the world, the character has generally been praised by critics for avoiding malicious Jewish stereotypes. Avi Arad, the former director of Marvel Comics, told the Jerusalem Post (via Haaretz) in 2005 that the character drew inspiration from Zionist leaders Ze'ev Jabotinsky and Meir Kahane. Claremont said in an interview with Empire magazine that there are parallels between Magneto and former Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin, a right-wing politician whose Likud party took over Israel's government in the 1970s.

'High Desert' revels in the eccentricities of myriad characters

TV REVIEW FROM C1

Peggy's not exactly a model employee. She routinely flouts her downtrodden boss Owen's (Eric Petersen) rule about cellphones on the job and pillages his Keurig, and her stage maneuvers run the gamut from impressive to imprecise. But here's one thing that sets "High Desert" apart: Rather than occupy the usual range of TV workplace affects (embittered, bored, ironic), Peggy is perennially *engaged.* She's a felon, sure, but she finds people interesting, and she's a good sport. She takes careful note of what her co-workers do and say. She understands her boss's own set of mommy issues. Although not a particularly persuasive 1870s prostitute, she works about as hard at Pioneer Town as she does anywhere else. Her co-workers love her.

When Owen finds money missing from his safe and accuses Peggy of stealing from him, her attentiveness pays off. She notices that her colleague Tammy (Susan Park) showed up to work with breast implants — despite having just been dumped by her rich fiance, a former news anchor who now calls himself "Guru Bob" (Rupert Friend) — and concludes that Tammy is responsible for the theft.

It is Peggy's feeling that Guru Bob, not Tammy, whose cheap $3,000 boob job is punishing her enough, should pay Owen back.

Peggy doesn't stop at solving mysteries, you see. She sets out to get vigilante justice. So she starts hunting down Guru Bob, and when it seems another co-worker is being bilked by a detective slow-walking the job she hired him to do, Peggy goes after him, too. One "case" leads to another: Peggy figures out, via a video Tammy sends her from Bob's home, that he has a stolen Picasso. In the course of pestering him to pay Tammy's debt, she figures out it's a forgery. She'll eventually figure out his wife is missing — and why.

To the extent that "High Desert" has a premise, this is it: Peggy's acumen, combined with her criminal experience, makes her a natural detective. She eventually negotiates with the hangdog detective Bruce (Brad Garrett) that she'll work with him, free, while she trains to become one.

It sounds like a tidy premise for a tidy show. "High Desert" has for good reason been compared to "Poker Face," another show featuring a witty, irreverent, charming lowlife who moonlights as a sleuth. Both are extremely funny. Both feature terrific actresses with great sunglasses and shag haircuts.

But the parallels end there. "Poker Face's" Charlie (Natasha Lyonne) is, in practice, almost implausibly functional, kind and effective. Peggy isn't. She's a shrewd negotiator, but her schemes backfire as often as they work. Her siblings understandably resent her lack of follow-through; she can't bring herself to sit through even one hour of detective training. Her best friend, Carol (Weruche Opia), who's sort of on the lam and living under an assumed name, goes in her stead.

It's fascinating to watch Peggy's flaws stack up. She lies. She steals. She exaggerates. She's an effective negotiator because she's a huckster: She can size up people's vulnerabilities. She drives on LSD. She more or less hijacks a bus, sure she saw her mother on it, then hijacks that Roslyn look-alike's life. After reassuring her sister Dianne that the "family home" is hers, too (and wheedling money to buy a new car because she totaled hers), she changes the locks to keep her siblings out.

She swipes other people's DoorDash orders. Confiscates a man's opioids and sells some while taking the others herself. Revels in the discovery of a dead woman's severed finger, because it means she might collect a reward.

She has also, for reasons the first season doesn't make entirely clear, lost custody of her son.



HILARY BRONWYN GAYLE/APPLE TV PLUS

In Apple TV Plus's "High Desert," Patricia Arquette, pictured with Matt Dillon, plays Peggy, a former addict and hustler who uses her acumen and criminal experience to train as a detective in the series whose earnestness keeps it from veering to satire or black comedy.

That none of this seriously imperils the viewer's willingness to follow Peggy is — in a culture that still tends to enjoy male scoundrels and discipline female ones — a testament to Arquette's finely calibrated performance. She plays Peggy as variously excessive and resourceful and charming, noble, fragile, perceptive, ruinously dishonest, generous and sincere, sentimental, morally ambitious, kind and destructive. But she is, above all else, *believable.* There's a reason for that. The character was based on Fichman's sister. "She did have this idea one day that she wanted to be a PI. Although knowing she wouldn't do it, I thought she'd be very well suited for that because drug addicts have a tremendous radar," Fichman said in a piece by the Desert Sun's Ema Sasic. "They can get to the heart of a problem in a person." This is one of the more complete, warts-and-all depictions of an addict in a "sober-ish" phase. Peggy's full of surprises. And initiatives. She knows art. (Really knows it.) Loves Wagner. Writes a play.

Peggy isn't the only kook. "High Desert" is, to my delight, set in Yucca Valley. (As a Californian, I am fond of the state's harsher landscapes and weird subcultures.) The show, directed by Jay Roach ("Meet the Parents," "Austin Powers"), practically frolics in the dusty alien majesty of the California desert and in the eccentricities of those who elect to reside there. Dillon is pleasantly scummy as Denny, the manipulative, ne'er-do-well husband whom Peggy clearly needs to divorce but who truly does "get" her. Friend is a weaselly ball of nerves as the aforementioned Guru Bob, who destroyed his career in journalism with the epiphany "Everything is stupid!" and now runs a cult and sells forged paintings. I have not mentioned his missing wife, the forger of Picassos and Cézannes (Tonya Glanz), her Mafia-connected brothers, the crook who bought one of her works and resents being duped (Carlo Rota) or his daughter and enforcer (Julia Rickert), who enjoys slicing off other people's body parts.

Though it doesn't quite make sense to compare this series to one like "Better Call Saul," Peggy belongs to the Jimmy McGill school of amiable crooks seeking redemption — she's that well-rendered, that compelling — and there's no shortage of colorful petty criminals to choose from in this universe. But "High Desert" is more frenetic and shaggier around the edges than its Albuquerque counterpart. Less a methodical story of transformation than a joyful experiment in proliferating storylines and schemes.

What saves "High Desert" from being satire or black comedy is an earnestness at its heart. It could and probably should have pruned a few plot twists to get back to its core themes: Bereavement. Family. Purpose. Mom. We get a little of Peggy's relationship with her mother in acid flashbacks, but — especially considering what Peters can do — not nearly enough.

What keeps "High Desert" from greatness (though there is hope, if it gets another season!) is a failure to unite the farcical stuff, much of which is delightful, with the deeper story. The plot starts to feel so crowded, rushed and messy that the finale (critics got all eight episodes) at times feels as if it was written *by* — rather than *for* — Peggy.

High Desert (eight episodes) premieres Wednesday on Apple TV Plus. The first three episodes will drop at once, with new episodes airing weekly on Wednesdays.

Beard Awards disqualification of Ala. chef over ethics rules draws controversy

BY TIM CARMAN

Alabama chef Timothy Hontzas has been disqualified from this year's James Beard Awards after allegedly violating the organization's code of ethics, a ruling that has prompted one judge to resign from the national awards committee and two of the chef's friends to accuse the Beard foundation of hypocrisy and scapegoating. One longtime friend, a mentor to Hontzas, even destroyed his own Beard Award in response.

Hontzas, executive chef and owner of Johnny's Restaurant in Homewood, Ala., was one of the five finalists nominated in the Best Chef: South category. But in the days after Hontzas was selected in late March, the foundation's ethics committee received a complaint that the chef had potentially violated the code of ethics that the Beard organization had announced as part of a slew of changes in 2021 aimed at increasing its commitment to social justice and racial and gender equity.

The disqualification appears to be one of the first public examples of the code's enforcement. The committee is an independent group that reports to the board of the James Beard Foundation.

"The Ethics Committee found it more likely than not that you violated the Code of Ethics," the committee wrote to Honztas, in a letter forwarded to The Washington Post. "Following consideration by the Board's Governance Committee of the Ethics Committee's recommendation, you were deemed ineligible for an award this year. Additionally, you are prohibited from using the seal, logo or image of the James Beard Awards, and from claiming any recognition in connection with the 2023 Awards."

The foundation's representatives responded to questions three days after The Post submitted them, sending along a statement.

"In fairness to all participants, we generally do not comment on particular cases, including why individuals do or do not move forward in the awards process. The Foundation's goal is to protect the integrity of the Awards program while being fair to those it seeks to celebrate. If individuals want to reveal that they have been disqualified, they can, but we have no comment on that front," the statement read.

"Following the audit we conducted in 2021, we prioritized the creation of a process to address alleged violations of our Awards Code of Ethics. This involved very careful consideration and significant resources, as we take these matters very seriously. We are proud of the approach we have developed," the statement continued. "In reviewing allegations, the Ethics Committee considers a host of available information, such as public records and interviews of relevant individuals. Prior to making any adverse finding, the Ethics Committee directs outside counsel to make every effort to contact the subject of an allegation and provide an opportunity for the subject to discuss their response to the allegation."



BETH HONTZAS



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Timothy Hontzas, top, was told that his nomination for Best Chef: South was disqualified for a number of allegations, including yelling at staff. Chef John Currence, above, has defended his friend.

Hontzas, 51, told The Post that he sat down over Zoom in April with an independent investigator for about an hour. The investigator asked him about a number of alleged incidents: yelling at customers for not shutting the front door; yelling about the ice machine not being filled; yelling at the kitchen staff; and one incident in which an anonymous accuser said Hontzas had an argument with an employee where "it got physical."

At the time of the interview with the investigator, Hontzas said he couldn't recall any details about the last accusation, but a couple of weeks later, he thought it might have been an incident in which a cook flipped out in the kitchen. "Maybe that's what they were talking about? But it was the opposite of what they said," Hontzas said.

"What happened was, one of my guys flipped out *on me*, and my sous chef and another guy walked him outside," Hontzas added. "We all walked out there and just talked it out, and then the guy still worked for me for another year." Hontzas said that no one touched the cook and that he's still friends with the guy.

As for the other accusations, Hontzas says yelling at customers about the front door is basically a ritual at Johnny's, an interaction with a purpose (to keep the hot Alabama air from encroaching on the dining room) but something that's closer in spirit to a shtick than a dressing down. As for yelling at his staff on occasion, Hontzas says, yes, he can get loud. He says he's Greek.

Others who know Hontzas agree on this point.

"He is an extraordinarily dramatic, vocal, passionate Greek. He embodies your nutty Greek cartoon character in every possible way," said John Currence, chef and founder of City Grocery in Oxford, Miss. Currence says he has been friends with Hontzas for more than 30 years. Hontzas used to work for, and even live with, Currence for a time in Oxford.

"But he's vocal," Currence continued. "I'm not kidding when I say that 95 percent of his muscle mass is his diaphragm and his jaw muscles. I mean, that's what it is. It is what endears him to everyone. He's just loud."

Currence's response to his friend's disqualification was just as loud and dramatic. He took his own James Beard Award — for Best Chef: South in 2009 — off the wall and smashed it with a brick. He then tossed it into the trash. He posted a photo on Instagram.

"I am sickened today in a way I can't even begin to explain, but it is way past time to stop this cycle of insane blame and shame through arbitrary accusations and NOTHING approaching due-process and stripping people of credit they deserve based on nothing other than the opinion of one," the chef said in the post.

Currence, 58, will be the first to tell you that he's old school. He said the Beard foundation has drifted too far in the opposite direction in its efforts toward diversity and inclusion, sometimes at the expense of deserving White chefs. He also accused the foundation of being more concerned about its progressive image than actually caring to weed out bad actors. Currence acknowledges that he grew up in the industry when kitchens were hardened places, where voices were raised and tempers flared.

"Discipline comes in different forms, and just because it comes in a form that might make you in some way, shape or form uncomfortable, it doesn't mean that it's toxic," Currence said. "There is no universal definition."

Currence said he's never seen Hontzas "cross the line in my kitchen, at his kitchen or anywhere else that I've seen him work."

Vishwesh Bhatt, chef at Snackbar in Oxford, part of Currence's City Grocery Restaurant Group, also took down the Beard Award that he won in 2019 for Best Chef: South, though he didn't destroy it. What's more, Bhatt resigned his position as a volunteer on the Beard regional judges panel for restaurants and chefs in the South, a fact first reported by Hanna Raskin in the Food Section newsletter. Bhatt said the foundation's lack of transparency over its disqualification of Hontzas — and the group's recent pursuit of diversity — has made him question whether the organization values his time and opinion. He even began to wonder whether he won his Beard medal based on merit.

"We've got this so muddled, and we're just not being transparent about what's going on, that for folks like me, am I on this committee just because I happen to be of Indian origin … or am I on here because you actually want my opinion and respect what I have to say?" Bhatt told The Post. "At this point, after all this came out, it felt like my views and my time, it didn't seem like anybody really cared for those."

Bhatt is up for a Beard media award this year for his book, "I Am From Here: Stories and Recipes From a Southern Chef," which was nominated in the U.S. Foodways category.

A food writer who is a member of the same Beard regional judges panel and describes herself as a friend of Hontzas acknowledged that the chef sometimes yells, calling him "terminally Greek." But she said she thinks Hontzas is taking the fall for "behavior that absolutely is something that many people who are nominated in many other regions are guilty of."

"That is really frustrating because it's not an excuse for his behavior. He should absolutely not be yelling at anyone in his kitchen," said the judge, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because her publication is up for Beard media awards and she didn't want the nominees to be associated with her comments. "However, it feels like the South is having to take the fall for this."

Todd Price is a food and culture reporter for the American South from the USA Today Network. He also was a judge on the 2023 Restaurant and Chef Awards Committee. He resigned this week after learning about Hontzas's disqualification.

Price said that as the sole committee member representing the South, he was "being asked questions about something I was not even made aware of and asked to defend something that hadn't even been explained to me." He said it put him in a "very uncomfortable position." He said he had been told nothing about the investigation, nor given the results of it, even as the phone calls and texts started coming his way after Hontzas's disqualification was revealed on AL.com.

"I felt it was better to just step away and make it clear that I wasn't involved in this process that was completely opaque to me," Price added.

Price said that all semifinalists for Beard Awards are vetted, but he wasn't sure about the depth of those inquiries given the sheer number of nominees at that level. (The foundation later said semifinalists are vetted by an external consultant based on publicly available information.) But at any point, tipsters can contact the Beard foundation to file a complaint about a nominee or a chef who might be under consideration.

"A credible allegation of violating the Code of Ethics may disqualify an Entrant, Semifinalist, or Nominee from consideration for a JBF Award," the foundation notes on its website. The organization says it "may disqualify or take other action against a candidate without making changes to any previously announced list," the foundation said in a statement. Hontzas is still listed among the finalists.

For his part, Hontzas says he was contacted only once during the process, from the investigator. He said he told the investigator that he could talk to anyone on his staff. The chef said he would provide the numbers. Hontzas said that none of his team was contacted for the investigation. The only other communication he received was the email from the foundation, disqualifying him.

As a matter of fact, Hontzas says, his staff has remained pretty loyal to him over the years. His sous chef has been with him for almost eight years. Two front-of-the-house staffers have been working for him for five years, a dishwasher for more than two years. People, in fact, have returned to work for Johnny's, the chef said.

"It doesn't sound like too horrible of a place, does it?" he asked.

The Beard restaurant and chef awards will be announced at a ceremony on June 5 in Chicago.

TELEVISION

TV HIGHLIGHTS



NETFLIX

Working: What We Do All Day (Netflix) Former president Barack Obama visits people in their homes and workplaces as he steps into their lives to understand how they find connection through work, struggles and more.

Chicago Med (NBC at 8) Marcel and Grace search for data that may complicate Jack Dayton's launch of OR 2.0's IPO; Charles helps a person with schizophrenia who is anxious about prom; Asher clashes with Abrams when Abrams's wife becomes Asher's patient.

The Flash (CW at 8) Team Flash plots to protect Barry; Cecile is unsure of the plan after an unsuccessful attempt, but Khione's confidence in Chester allows him to persuade Cecile to try again.

Chicago Fire (NBC at 9) Carver deals with the consequences of his arrest; after rescuing a baby, Brett searches for answers; Capp finds his way into the Firehouse 51 group chat.

Riverdale (CW at 9) To keep Riverdale High's basketball legacy alive, Frank and Archie recruit a quiet farm boy named Reggie Mantle; when Tabitha returns to school, Toni is inspired to start a literary society for Riverdale's Black students.

Vanderpump Rules (Bravo at 9) Cameras resume filming after Ariana discovers that her long-term boyfriend is having an affair with one of her best friends; Schwartz panics when the scandal threatens to affect the business; Sandoval reveals another shocking secret.

Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories With David Rubenstein (PBS at 10) David Rubenstein explores the truths and fables that surround the American cowboy.

PREMIERES

High Desert (Apple TV Plus) After the death of her mother, Peggy Newman (Patricia Arquette) decides to become a private investigator, despite her checkered past. Read Lili Loofbourow's review, C1.

The Family Stallone (Paramount Plus) This reality series follows the lives of Sylvester Stallone, his wife and his daughters.

FINALE

True Lies (CBS at 9) The team calls on a teen hacker to assist when a van full of computer software containing confidential information about Omega Sector operatives is hijacked; Harry and Helen have their relationship tested.

— Olivia McCormack

BROADCAST CHANNELS

5/17/23	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
4.1 WRC (NBC)	◆ **NBC News**	◆ **Hollywood**	◆ **Chicago Med**		◆ **Chicago Fire**		◆ **Chicago P.D.**		◆ **News**	(:35) ◆ J. Fallon
4.2 WRC (IND)	Bones		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Roseanne	Roseanne	The Nanny	The Nanny
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	◆ **Fox 5**	◆ **TMZ**	◆ **The Masked Singer** (SF)		◆ **Farmer** (SF)		◆ **Fox 5 News at 10**		◆ **Fox 5 News**	◆ **The Final 5**
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	◆ **Wheel**	◆ **Jeopardy!**	◆ **Jeopardy! Masters**		◆ Celebrity Wheel		◆ **The Game Show Show**		◆ **News**	◆ J.Kimmel
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	◆ **News**	◆ **ET**	◆ **Survivor**		◆ **True Lies** (F)				◆ **9 News**	(:35) ◆ Colbert
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	◆ **La rosa de Guadalupe**		◆ **Perdona nuestros**		◆ **El amor invencible**		◆ **Mujer**		◆ Noticias	◆ **Noticiero**
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	◆ FamFeud	◆ **FamFeud**	◆ **Fox 5 News On the Plus**		◆ **FamFeud**	◆ FamFeud	◆ Big Bang	◆ Big Bang	◆ Dateline	
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	◆ Milk Street	◆ MotorWeek	◆ **Wild Scandinavia**		◆ **NOVA**		◆ **Iconic America**		◆ **Amanpour and Company**	
26.1 WETA (PBS)	◆ **PBS NewsHour**		◆ **Wild Scandinavia**		◆ **NOVA**		◆ **Iconic America**		◆ **Amanpour and Company**	
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	◆ DW News	◆ Chavis	◆ Frontline				◆ Dementia Care		◆ BBC News	◆ Story
50.1 WDCW (CW)	◆ Neighbor	◆ Neighbor	◆ **The Flash**		◆ **Riverdale**		◆ **DC News Now**		◆ Seinfeld	◆ Seinfeld
66.1 WPXW (ION)	◆ Blue Bloods		◆ Blue Bloods		◆ Blue Bloods		◆ Blue Bloods		◆ Blue Bloods	

CABLE CHANNELS

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A&E	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	CourtCam	CourtCam
AMC	(4:00) Movie: Scarface		Movie: The Shawshank Redemption ★★★★ (1994)						Movie: Gran Torino ★★★	
Animal Planet	River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters	
BET	Payne	Payne	**Neighbor**	**Neighbor**	**Payne**	**As. Living**	**Ms. Pat**	**I Love Us**	Payne	As. Living
Bravo	Vanderpump Rules		**Vanderpump Rules**		**Vanderpump Rules**			(:45) Dancing Queens		Vanderpump
Cartoon Network	King/Hill	King/Hill	King/Hill	King/Hill	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	American	Rick
CNN	**E. B. OutFront** (Live)		**Cooper 360** (Live)		**CNN Primetime** (Live)		**CNN Tonight** (Live)		**CNN Tonight** (Live)	
Comedy Central	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	**Awkwafina**	South Park	South Park
Discovery	Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown	
Disney	Ladybug	Marvel's Mo	Big City	Big City	The Villains	The Villains	Big City	Hamster &	Marvel's Mo	Saturdays
E!	(6:30) Movie: The Wedding Planner ★★			Movie: Hitch ★★★ (2005)					**E! News**	Movie: Hitch
ESPN	SportsCenter		**NHL Hockey** Conference Final: Teams TBA (Live)					**SportsCenter** (Live)		
ESPN2	The Point		30 for 30 Jeanette Lee Vs.		30 for 30			Shorts	E60 The Survivor	
Food Network	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		**Guy's Grocery Games**		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games	
Fox News	**Jesse Watters** (Live)		**Fox News Tonight** (Live)		**Hannity** (Live)		**The Ingraham Angle** (Live)		Gutfeld!	
Freeform	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	**The 700 Club**	
FX	(6:00) Movie: xXx: Return ...		Movie: Iron Man ★★★ (2008)						Movie: Iron Man 2 ★★	
Hallmark	(6:00) Movie: Marry Me in ...		Movie: Hearts Down Under (2020)				Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
Hallmark M&M	Aurora Teagarden Mysteries				Aurora Teagarden Mysteries				Murder, She Wrote	
HBO	(6:45) Movie: Amsterdam ★★ (2022)				**Angel City**		(:05) White		Succession	
HGTV	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		**Home in a Heartbeat**		**Hunters**	**Hunters**	Hunters	Hunters
History	Pawn Stars		Pawn Stars		**Pawn Stars**				(:05) Pawn Stars	
Lifetime	(6:00) **Married-UK**		**Married at First Sight**				(:05) **Married at First Sight**			
MASN	(6:30) **Baseball** Washington Nationals at Miami Marlins				**Nats Xtra**	**Fight Sports**	**Fight Sports: World Class Championship Boxing**			
MSNBC	**The ReidOut** (Live)		**All In With** (Live)		**Alex Wagner Tonight** (Live)		**The Last Word With** (Live)		**11th Hour** (Live)	
MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	**Ridiculous**	**Ridiculous**	**Ridiculous**	**Ridiculous**	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
Nat'l Geographic	To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler		**To Catch a Smuggler**		**Drug Lords: The Takedown**		To Catch a Smuggler	
NBC SportsNet WA	(6:30) 106.7 The Fan's Sports Junkies							Triton Poker		Triton Poker
Nickelodeon	Movie: The SpongeBob SquarePants M...			SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NWSN	**On Balance**		**Cuomo**		**Dan Abrams Live** (Live)		**Banfield**		Cuomo	
PARMT	Two Men	Two Men	Movie: Old School ★★ (2003)				Movie: 21 Jump Street ★★★ (2012)			
Syfy	(6:05) Movie: The Invisible Man ★★★			(:45) Movie: The Hunt ★★ (2020) (P)				(:45) Movie: The Purge ★★ (2013)		
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	**All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite** (Live)				The Cube		Sheldon	Sheldon
TCM	(6:00) Movie: Rhapsody ★★		Movie: My Man Godfrey ★★★ (1936)				Movie: The Great Ziegfeld ★★★★ (1936)			
TLC	Dr. Pimple Popper		**Dr. Pimple Popper**		**Dr. Pimple Popper**		My 600-Lb. Life			
TNT	**Shaq**	**NBA Pregame** (Live)		**NBA Basketball** Miami Heat at TBA (Live)					**Inside the NBA** (Live)	
Travel	Paranormal Ca		Paranormal Ca		Paranormal Ca		Paranormal Ca		Paranormal Ca	
TruTV	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Movie: Fist Fight ★★ (2017)			
TV Land	Griffith	Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	(:05) King	(:40) King
TV One	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	ATL Homicide		ATL Homicide		ATL Homicide		ATL Homicide	
USA Network	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
VH1	(5:00) Movie: Forrest Gump ★★★★ (1994)			Movie: Boo! A Madea Halloween ★★ (2016)					Cheaters	Cheaters
WNC8	CLEANBOSS!	Emeril	7News at 6	Emeril	**SportsTalk**	**World News**	**WJLA News**	Memory	**The National Desk** (Live)	

LEGEND: Bold indicates new or live programs ◆ High Definition. Movie Ratings (from TMS) ★★★★ Excellent ★★★ Good ★★ Fair ★ Poor. No stars: not rated

BOOK WORLD

Debut novelist tells an immersive tale of a young man trying to find his place

BY MICHAEL PATRICK BRADY

Ireland was supposed to be different in the new millennium, with the Celtic Tiger in the south and the Good Friday Agreement in the north providing a vehicle to move past the island's history of poverty, sectarian violence and cultural repression. But this spirit of optimism was dashed by the Great Recession and has been further undermined by Brexit. Amid the turmoil, a new generation of Irish writers, such as Sally Rooney and Niamh Campbell, is striving to articulate what it feels like to be caught adrift between a traumatic past and an uncertain future.

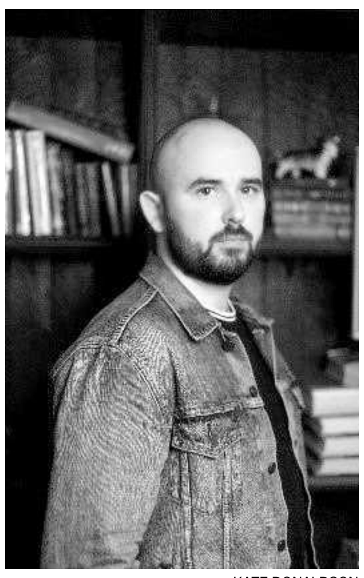


CLOSE TO HOME
By Michael Magee
Farrar, Straus and Giroux.
288 pp. $28

Irish writer Michael Magee's debut novel, "Close to Home," deftly captures the spirit of these times. Like Rooney, Magee explores the world of a literary-minded 20-something navigating the distinctions of class in an affecting story of self-discovery. But his voice is wholly his own: unflinching, direct, disarmingly sensitive and informed by his own experiences as a young man in the working-class Belfast neighborhood of Twinbrook.

Sean Maguire, the 22-year-old protagonist of "Close to Home," regards his upbringing as both a source of pride and a millstone around his neck. When Sean returns home from university in 2013, he works dead-end jobs, gets high and picks fights. After an ill-considered punch leads to a close brush with hard time, he's sentenced to 200 hours of community service, which he uses to reflect on where things went wrong for him.

Magee creates a strong sense of place with his prose, which is rife with local color and makes liberal use of Belfast slang. For example, Sean and his friends get high on a "wee toot" of "gear" (a line of cocaine) while avoiding the "peelers" (cops). The legacy of the Troubles pervades everything. (At times, Magee can come off a little didactic about its impact, but overall, the effect is immersive.) Magee makes you feel like one of the gang, and the feeling of belonging he creates is intoxicating. It helps us understand why Sean finds it so difficult to leave this life behind.



KATE DONALDSON

With "Close to Home," Michael Magee joins other Irish writers in discussing what it's like to be stuck between past and future.

"Close to Home" is populated with an array of colorful figures who add to the novel's verisimilitude. Magee doesn't trade in the kind of one-dimensional stereotypes you often see in depictions of the working class. Sean's older half brother, Anthony, is a menacing, Begbie-esque presence at the start of the book; over time, Magee is able to give him a surprising degree of depth, and, in the end, he and Sean are able to share a final moment of catharsis that is profoundly moving and that feels entirely earned.

Michael Magee creates a strong sense of place with his prose, which is rife with local color and makes liberal use of Belfast slang.

Magee is adept at showing how the boundaries of class can be disorienting — the feeling that you must shed your history and identity to succeed. A chance meeting with Mairéad, an old friend from the neighborhood who managed to find her way out, gives Sean, an aspiring writer, a peek into a more refined world that he longs to be a part of but is conflicted about joining. "It was like I had stepped out of myself," Sean says of his efforts to fit in. "What I saw was another person with another voice."

"Close to Home" illustrates what it's like to grow up, as Irish poet Seamus Heaney described it, "besieged within the siege," as Sean wrestles with the duty he feels he owes to his heritage, his community, his family and himself. Suffusing his narrative with honesty and grace, Magee succeeds in bringing his neighborhood to life for readers and suggests that, amid what seems like a never-ending struggle, there is always room for hope.

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An in-law guest wants to help, but she's intrusive

Miss Manners
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Dear Miss Manners: My husband's father has been married for a few years to a kind but very high-strung woman. I need help figuring out how to get her out of the kitchen around dinnertime and during cleanup.

She insists on trying to "help," but her anxious nature only makes things more difficult. She comes up to me while I am rinsing dishes and loading the dishwasher, puts her face an inch or two from mine and asks how she can help. She doesn't seem to understand that she is majorly intruding on my personal space while I am focused on a manual task involving sharp utensils.

I have asked her to please sit down, relax and enjoy the evening, and I've outright said I would prefer to do things independently in the kitchen.

The other night, I was loading the dishwasher while she was sitting at the dining room table. She yelled my name from across the room and told me, at the top of her voice, to stop cleaning up because she was feeling guilty that she wasn't helping.

It all feels a bit rude, and it's not pleasant to have a guest tell you what to do in your own home. I don't want to dread her visits or feel irritated every time she stays with us, so I'd be grateful for any suggestions you may have for making these occasions more tolerable.

Stepmother-in-law needs a handler: a family member whose job for the evening is to keep her distracted and out of your way.

As this is not a pleasant duty, it will have to be rotated. Miss Manners nominates your husband, any older children, your father-in-law — really, anyone who can be made to understand that this task is pleasanter than the alternative. That alternative includes dinner not getting on the table, the evening dragging on until everyone drops from exhaustion, and you losing your mind.

Dear Miss Manners: Several years ago, I admired a painting in the home of some friends several years my senior. They appreciated my interest, and told me I could have it when they moved to a smaller home.

After the husband in this couple passed away, his widow asked me what I would like from their home when she moved to a smaller place. I reminded her of my affection for the painting and also asked about a particular chair.

She decided to take both with her to her new home, but said I could have them when she was ready to give them up.

At 95 years of age, my friend may soon not be in a position to remember her offers and may not have discussed them with her two children, both of whom I know. Do good manners provide a polite way to remind my friend or her children of her earlier intentions?

No.

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DISTRICT

AMC Georgetown 14
3111 K Street N.W.
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 4:00-7:50-9:55
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:45-6:00-9:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 2:45-5:05-9:55
Hypnotic (R) CC: 2:55-5:15-10:10
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:40-7:15-9:55
Polite Society (PG-13) CC: 2:25
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 6:35
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 2:55-5:20-7:50-10:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 2:00-8:30
Air (R) CC: 2:20-5:00-7:40-10:20
Sisu (R) CC: 5:00
Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 3:30
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 3:10-5:35-10:25
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 4:00-7:30-9:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) CC: 5:15
Eric Clapton: Across 24 Nights 7:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 2:20-4:55-9:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 3:45-10:15
Hypnotic (R) OC: 7:35
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) OC: 7:25
Fool's Paradise (R) OC: 8:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) OC: 7:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 7:00

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - DC Bryant Street
630 Rhode Island Ave NE
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:00-3:00-7:00
Barb and Star Go to Vista Del Mar (PG-13) 7:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 9:20
Evil Dead Rise (R) 1:15-4:40-7:40-10:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:45-1:00-2:00-3:45-5:00-6:00-9:00
Beau Is Afraid (R) 7:20
Air (R) 1:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 10:00
Hypnotic (R) 4:20
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:15AM
BlackBerry (R) OC: 12:30; 3:15-6:40-10:05
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) OC: 12:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 12:00-3:40-6:20
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 3:55-7:40-10:45

Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market
550 Penn Street NE - Unit E
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 3:45
Eric Clapton: Across 24 Nights 7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 7:15
Hypnotic (R) 2:50-5:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 1:30-3:50

Avalon Theatre
5612 Connecticut Avenue
Full Time 8:00
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 12:00-2:20-4:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:45

Landmark Atlantic Plumbing Cinema
807 V Street Northwest
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 4:00-7:00-7:40-8:10
Hypnotic (R) 5:00-7:20
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 4:50-7:10
Air (R) 3:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 5:10
Hypnotic (R) 4:10

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street Northwest
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 3:00-3:45-7:30
Showing Up (R) 4:15
The Eight Mountains 3:25-7:25
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 3:00-7:45
BlackBerry (R) 3:00-7:30
Still: A Michael J. Fox Movie (R) 3:30-7:15
Eric Clapton: Across 24 Nights 7:00
Beau Is Afraid (R) 3:15

Regal Gallery Place
701 Seventh Street Northwest
The Fast and the Furious (PG-13) 12:20
Fast Five (PG-13) 3:30
Furious 7 (PG-13) 6:10
F9 The Fast Saga (PG-13) 9:40
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 11:50-6:20
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Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 1:00-7:10-9:55
Evil Dead Rise (R) 6:20-9:10
Grease 45th Anniversary (PG) 7:00
Sisu (R) 3:40-10:10
Fool's Paradise (R) 11:35-2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 11:30-3:00-6:30-10:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) OC: 6:50
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) OC: 6:10
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) OC: 4:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 1:30-5:30-9:00

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AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road
Shockproof (1949) (NR) 4:30
Videodrome (R) 9:35
Bombshell (R) 7:00
Polite Society (PG-13) 12:00
R.M.N. 2:10
BlackBerry (R) 1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15
What's Love Got To Do With It? (PG-13) 4:45
Millennium Mambo (Qianxi manbo) (R) 2:00-9:15
Invaders from Mars (1953) (NR) 12:15

AMC Academy 8
6198 Greenbelt Road
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 6:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:10-7:15
Hypnotic (R) CC: 2:45-5:15-7:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 1:45-4:30-7:30
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 1:10
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:10
Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 3:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 2:15-5:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:15-7:00

AMC Annapolis Mall 11
1020 Annapolis Mall Road
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 11:30-3:10-6:50-10:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 11:00-12:00-2:30-3:30-6:00-7:00-9:20-10:20
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Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 11:00-1:30-4:05-6:40-9:15

AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd.
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 1:10-4:10-6:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:30-7:30
Hypnotic (R) CC: 2:00-4:40-7:50
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 1:45-4:00-7:40
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 1:20-4:50-7:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 2:15-5:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:15-6:50

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 2:00-4:45-8:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 3:30-7:00
Hypnotic (R) CC: 3:40-6:10-8:40
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 3:30-6:00-8:30
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 2:30-5:15-8:00
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 2:00
BlackBerry (R) CC: 2:50-5:50-8:50
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 3:55-6:25-8:55
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 2:00-9:00
Air (R) CC: 8:10
Grease 45th Anniversary (PG) 7:00
Sisu (R) CC: 2:00
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 4:20-5:40
Patterns of Evidence: Journey to Mount Sinai II 7:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC: 4:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 4:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) CC: 5:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 2:15-5:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:30-6:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) OC: 7:45

AMC DINE-IN Rio Cinemas 18
9811 Washingtonian Center
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 12:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 3:10-5:45-9:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:30-5:00-8:00-8:30
Hypnotic (R) CC: 12:15-2:45-5:10-7:45
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Love Again (PG-13) CC: 1:45-4:20
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 1:30-4:15-6:45-9:15
Kandahar (R) CC: 7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 12:00-7:00-10:30
The Kerala Story (Hindi) 2:30-10:15
Air (R) CC: 12:00-2:45
Sisu (R) CC: 10:15
Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R) CC: 6:50-9:45
Ponniyin Selvan - Part Two (Tamil) 2:00-6:00-9:45
Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 10:00
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Hypnotic (R) OC: 10:15
Fool's Paradise (R) OC: 2:45
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) OC: 3:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) OC: 7:30

AMC Loews St. Charles Town Ctr. 9
11115 Mall Circle
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 12:00-3:45-7:30
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Sisu (R) CC: 1:45-7:00
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Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:30

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 2:00-5:00-8:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:00-5:20-8:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 3:00-5:30-8:00
Hypnotic (R) CC: 3:00-5:30
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 2:10
Chevalier (PG-13) CC: 7:15
The Pope's Exorcist (R) CC: 4:15
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 2:30-5:45-8:45
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Grease 45th Anniversary (PG) 7:00
Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 5:15
Nefarious (R) CC: 2:45-8:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC: 3:45-6:15-8:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) CC: 4:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 4:45-8:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 2:30-5:15-8:10
Hypnotic (R) OC: 8:00

AMC Montgomery 16
7101 Democracy Boulevard
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 7:15
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 3:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:00-3:30-5:30-7:00-8:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 2:45-4:00-5:15-6:30-8:00
Hypnotic (R) CC: 2:45-5:15-7:45
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 2:55-6:00
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:30
Flash Over (Jing tian jiu yuan) 2:10-8:55
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 2:15-4:40-7:15
Air (R) CC: 2:05-7:25
Sisu (R) CC: 8:45
Rally Road Racers (PG) 4:50
Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 4:55
BlackBerry (R) CC: 2:30-5:30
Born to Fly 6:15
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 2:30-5:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 2:15-5:00
BlackBerry (R) OC: 8:30
Fool's Paradise (R) OC: 7:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) OC: 7:45

Cinemark Egyptian 24 and XD
7000 Arundel Mills Circle
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 10:00-1:10-4:20-10:50
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 11:10-2:55-10:25
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) XD: 12:00-7:00-10:30; 10:30-2:00-5:30-9:00; 10:30-2:00-5:30-9:00; 12:25-3:55-7:25-10:55; 5:15; 10:00-10:15-11:05-12:45-1:30-1:45-2:35-4:15-7:50-8:30-8:45-10:15
Hypnotic (R) 10:45-1:15-3:45-9:50
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 10:05-10:25-11:00-12:05-12:55-1:35-2:40-3:25-4:05-6:45-7:40-9:20-10:10
Love Again (PG-13) 10:10-1:40-4:25
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 10:40-1:25-4:10-9:40
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F9 The Fast Saga (PG-13) 7:30
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) OC: 7:30

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Air (R) 11:15-2:05-4:55
Grease 45th Anniversary (PG) 7:00
Sisu (R) OC: 7:20
Ponniyin Selvan - Part Two (Tamil) 10:35
Custody (Telugu) 2:25-9:30
Big George Foreman (PG-13) 10:55
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Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) OC: 7:10
Eric Clapton: Across 24 Nights 7:15
Patterns of Evidence: Journey to Mount Sinai II 7:00
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Music School (Hindi) 9:15
IB 71 6:15

Cinépolis Gaithersburg
629 Center Point Way
Gladiator (2000) (R) 6:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 4:00-5:00-8:00-9:00
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The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 4:40-7:40
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Love Again (PG-13) 3:40
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 3:20-6:20
Evil Dead Rise (R) 4:20-7:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 3:00-7:00

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue
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Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 4:15-7:15
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The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 3:10
Chevalier (PG-13) 6:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 3:45-6:30
Air (R) 4:15

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 3:30-4:15-7:10-7:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 4:00-7:15
Air (R) 4:10
Hypnotic (R) 4:20-7:30
Love Again (PG-13) 4:50-6:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 3:40-4:30-6:05-7:00
Rally Road Racers (PG) 3:45-7:05
Eric Clapton: Across 24 Nights 7:00

Old Greenbelt Theatre
129 Centerway
Polite Society (PG-13) 5:30
Showing Up (R) 8:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 7:45

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3899 Branch Avenue
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:15-2:45-6:00-7:00-9:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 1:00-2:35-3:05-6:05-7:15-9:35
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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 3:30

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive
The Fast and the Furious (PG-13) 1:10
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Fool's Paradise (R) 12:10-2:50-5:30-8:10
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 12:45-3:45-9:45
Eric Clapton: Across 24 Nights 7:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:30-6:00-9:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) 3:00
Custody (Tamil) 11:35-6:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 12:00

Regal Germantown
20000 Century Boulevard
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 1:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 1:30-2:40-3:30-4:20-6:10-7:00-7:50
Hypnotic (R) 2:30-5:00-7:20
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Ponniyin Selvan - Part Two (Tamil) 12:45-4:20-8:00
Big George Foreman (PG-13) 1:00
Fool's Paradise (R) 4:10-6:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 1:00

Regal Hyattsville Royale
6505 America Blvd.
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 12:15
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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 12:00

Regal Laurel Towne Centre
14716 Baltimore Avenue
The Fast and the Furious (PG-13) 2:45
Fast Five (PG-13) 4:40
Furious 7 (PG-13) 7:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 11:20-3:00-6:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:40-12:10-1:00-1:40-3:10-3:50-4:30-5:20-6:30-7:20-8:00-8:40
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Big George Foreman (PG-13) 12:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:30-5:45-9:00

Regal Rockville Center
199 East Montgomery Avenue
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 2:30-6:10
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Regal UA Snowden Square
9161 Commerce Center Drive
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 4:00-7:20
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Regal Waugh Chapel & IMAX
1419 South Main Chapel Way
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Regal Westview & IMAX
5243 Buckeystown Pike
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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 12:30

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7710 Matapeake Business Drive
The Wizard of Oz (1939) (PG) 1:00-4:00-7:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 2:15-6:15-9:45
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Air (R) 11:35AM
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Big George Foreman (PG-13) 6:55-9:55
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 10:00-1:20-4:40-8:00

iPic Pike & Rose
11830 Grand Park Avenue
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 3:45-6:45-10:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 2:30-3:15-3:45-4:15-6:30-7:00-8:00-10:15-10:45
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Evil Dead Rise (R) 7:30-10:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) (!) 3:00-6:00-9:15

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AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd.
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:20-3:40-7:00
Hypnotic (R) CC: 12:40-3:20-5:50-8:20
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 2:20-5:00-7:35
Air (R) CC: 1:50-4:30-7:10
Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R) CC: 1:30-4:25-7:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:20-7:40
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 12:00-2:40-5:20-8:00

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd.
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) OC: 6:30
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 3:15-6:30-9:45
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 2:30-7:45-9:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:30-6:00-9:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 4:15-7:00-9:45
Hypnotic (R) CC: 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
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Renfield (R) CC: 2:00
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 2:00
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Grease 45th Anniversary (PG) 7:00
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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) CC: 3:30
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) CC: 3:30-9:30
Eric Clapton: Across 24 Nights 7:30
Patterns of Evidence: Journey to Mount Sinai II 7:00
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Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 3:45-6:30-9:15
Fool's Paradise (R) OC: 7:30

AMC Potomac Mills 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 9:50
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 2:20-6:10-9:50
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Eric Clapton: Across 24 Nights 7:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 2:15-5:00-7:40-10:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:30-4:00-6:00-9:30; 7:45

AMC Shirlington 7
2772 South Randolph St.
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:50-4:10-7:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 12:00-12:50-3:10-5:40-8:00
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 2:20-5:00-7:40
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 12:20-3:00-5:35-8:15
Air (R) CC: 12:10-2:50-5:30-8:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 12:00-3:20-6:40
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 12:05-2:40-5:20-8:00

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Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 2:55-6:05-9:20
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 2:15-6:00-9:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:45-5:30-9:05
Hypnotic (R) CC: 2:20-4:55-7:20-9:50
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Love Again (PG-13) CC: 1:40-4:20
Suzume (PG) 3:50-10:05
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 1:50-4:35-9:40
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Eric Clapton: Across 24 Nights 7:30
Patterns of Evidence: Journey to Mount Sinai II 7:00
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Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 1:10-3:55-6:40-9:25
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 3:40-10:00
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) OC: 10:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 7:15

AMC Worldgate 9
13025 Worldgate Drive
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 5:00-7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 4:00-7:30
Hypnotic (R) CC: 4:30-8:30-9:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 4:15-6:45
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 5:30-8:15
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 5:15-8:45
Ponniyin Selvan - Part Two (Tamil) 4:45-8:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 3:00-6:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 3:30-6:15-9:00

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - One Loudoun
20575 East Hampton Plaza
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:20-3:10-7:00
Barb and Star Go to Vista Del Mar (PG-13) 7:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 9:30
Evil Dead Rise (R) 4:45-10:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:30-2:15-4:15-6:00-8:00-9:45
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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 9:15
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BlackBerry (R) 12:15-3:30-6:30-9:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 12:00; 12:45-2:00-3:00-3:45-6:40
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 11:00-1:00-4:00-6:15-10:15

Angelika Film Center Mosaic
2911 District Ave
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:30-1:30-3:45-4:45-7:00-8:00
Hypnotic (R) 12:55-3:15-5:30-7:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 12:45-3:00-5:20-7:30
The Eight Mountains 1:45-4:50-8:05
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) OC: 12:00
Air (R) 4:00
Carmen (R) 1:00
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 1:50-4:35-7:15
Eric Clapton: Across 24 Nights 7:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 2:35-5:05-7:25

CMX Village 14
1600 Village Market Boulevard
The Wizard of Oz (1939) (PG) 6:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 2:15-3:30-4:00-4:30-7:00-7:30-8:00
Hypnotic (R) 2:05-4:45-7:20
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 2:00-3:20-6:30
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 2:20-5:05
Love Again (PG-13) 3:05-7:55
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) OC: 6:45
Rally Road Racers (PG) 2:40
Evil Dead Rise (R) 7:40
Air (R) 5:15-8:05
Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R) 4:05
Eric Clapton: Across 24 Nights 7:10
Patterns of Evidence: Journey to Mount Sinai II 7:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) 4:35
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:45-6:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 3:50

Cinema Arts Theatre
9650 Unit 14 Main St.
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 9:50-12:25-2:45-4:55-7:20
Somewhere in Queens (R) 10:00-12:15-2:25-4:40-7:15
The Eight Mountains 10:05-1:00-7:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 9:40-12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30
The Lost King (PG-13) 9:45-12:10-4:00
BlackBerry (R) 9:45-12:05-2:35-5:05-7:40
Air (R) 2:30-4:50-7:10

Cinemark Centreville 12
6201 Multiplex Drive
F9 The Fast Saga (PG-13) 7:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 8:00
Hypnotic (R) 4:55
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) OC: 6:50
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) OC: 6:40
Love Again (PG-13) OC: 7:20
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) OC: 7:10
Evil Dead Rise (R) OC: 7:50
The Kerala Story (Hindi) 10:20-5:05
Anni Manchi Sakunamule 6:00-9:35
Air (R) 10:10-2:05
Custody (Telugu) 1:35-8:20
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Love Again (PG-13) 10:25-2:00-4:40-10:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 10:55-1:40-4:25-9:55
Evil Dead Rise (R) 11:25-2:40-5:15-10:25

Cinemark Fairfax Corner and XD
11900 Palace Way
F9 The Fast Saga (PG-13) 7:30
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 12:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) XD: 1:30-3:30-5:00-7:00-8:30-10:30
Hypnotic (R) 11:10-1:40-4:15-6:45-9:15
Love Again (PG-13) 10:35-1:20-4:00-6:40-9:20
Rally Road Racers (PG) 10:40-1:10-3:40

Cinemark Fairfax Corner and XD (continued)
Evil Dead Rise (R) 11:45-2:25-5:05-7:45-10:25
Grease 45th Anniversary (PG) 7:00
Sisu (R) 11:05-1:35-4:05-6:35-9:05
Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R) 3:25
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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:30-9:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 10:55-12:40-4:10-6:00-7:40

Medal of Honor Theater - NMMC
18900 Jefferson Davis Highway
We, the Marines (NR) 9:30-10:30-11:30-1:00-2:00-3:00-4:00

Regal Ballston Quarter
671 North Glebe Road
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 4:00-10:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 11:00-2:50-6:35-9:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 10:50-11:50-12:50-2:20-3:20-4:20-4:50-7:00-8:00-8:30-9:30
Hypnotic (R) 11:10-1:50-4:30-7:20-9:50
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 12:40-3:40-6:30-9:20
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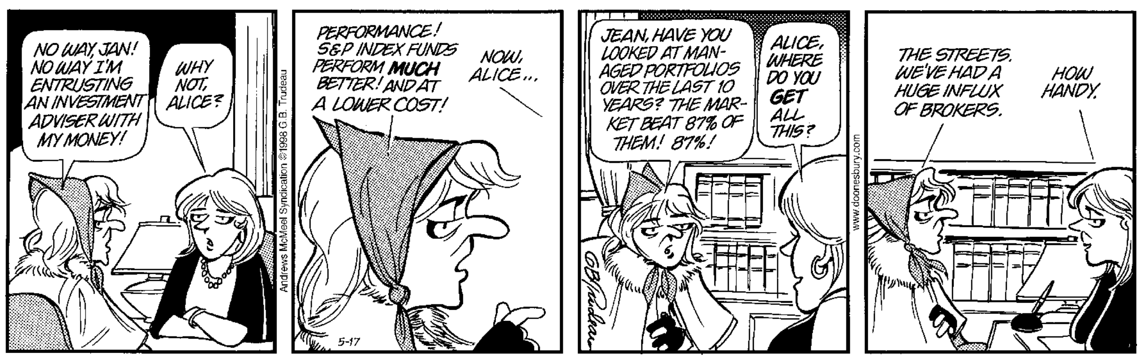
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14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway
Journey to Space (NR) 10:20-1:10-4:00
Aircraft Carrier: Guardian of the Seas 12:30
To Fly! (1976) (NR) 10:55-1:50-3:20
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Blue Planet (Il pianeta azzurro) (NR) 11:35-4:45
The Dream is Alive (NR) 2:30

University Mall Theatres
10659-A Braddock Road
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CLASSIC DOONESBURY — GARRY TRUDEAU



PICKLES — BRIAN CRANE



BRIDGE

BOTH SIDES VULNERABLE

NORTH
♠ A 7
♥ 9 6 3
♦ 6 5 3 2
♣ 10 9 4 3

WEST (D)
♠ 4 2
♥ A K Q 8 5 4
♦ Q J 8
♣ K 6

EAST
♠ 6 3
♥ J 10 7
♦ A 10 9 4
♣ Q 8 7 5

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 10 9 8 5
♥ 2
♦ K 7
♣ A J 2

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	2 ♠
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	4 ♠
Dbl	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♥ K

Sometimes I think an additional call should be available in the auction: When a player doubles a contract for penalty, he should be able to reexamine hand, reconsider — and undouble.

In today's deal, East raised West's one heart to two. When South bid two spades, West jumped to four hearts, and after two passes, South tried four spades. West's double was ill-judged.

South ruffed West's second high heart with the king of trumps. He led his five to dummy's seven and returned the three of clubs to his jack. West took the king and led another heart. South ruffed, went to the ace of trumps and let the 10 of clubs ride.

West was starting to have doubler's remorse, but it was too late to undouble. South next led a diamond to his king and lost only one diamond. Making four, doubled. Well played.

"I don't know why I doubled," West said, "but he needed the seven of trumps in dummy to make it."

Actually, South can succeed with best play if dummy's trumps are A-2.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ A 7 ♥ 9 6 3
♦ 6 5 3 2 ♣ 10 9 4 3

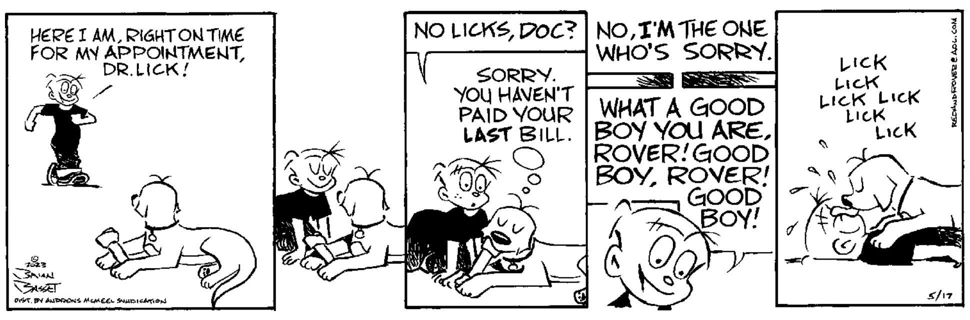
Your partner opens two clubs (strong, artificial), you respond two diamonds (negative or waiting), he bids two hearts and you try 2NT. Partner then bids three hearts. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner promises nine winners in his own hand. With A 7, 9 6 3, K 5 3 2, 10 9 4 3, you would have raised two hearts to three to show some values. With three trumps and an ace, you surely must bid four hearts now.

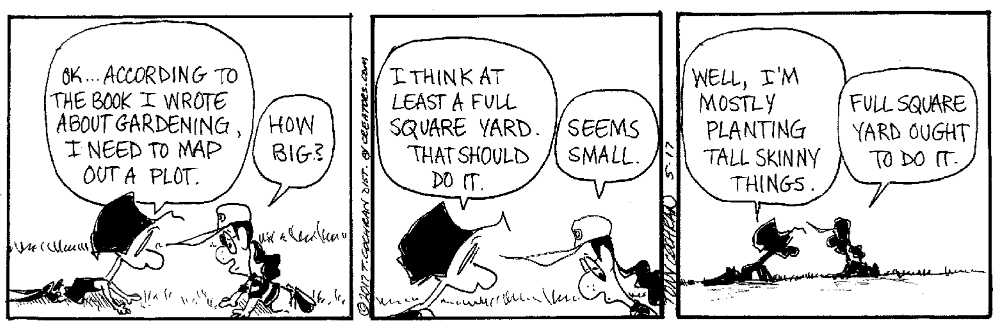
— Frank Stewart

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RED AND ROVER — BRIAN BASSET



AGNES — TONY COCHRAN



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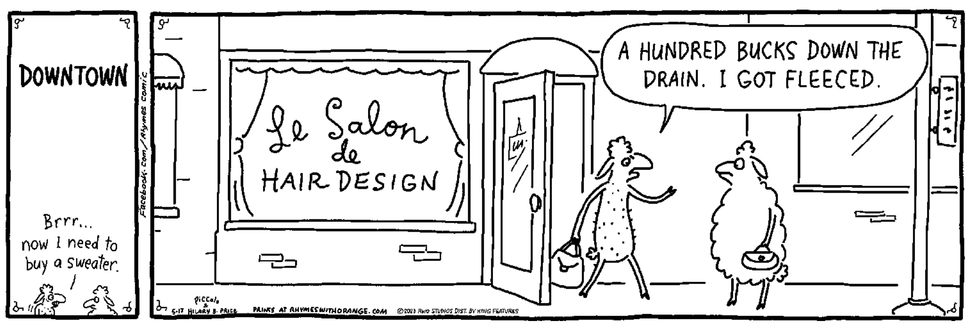
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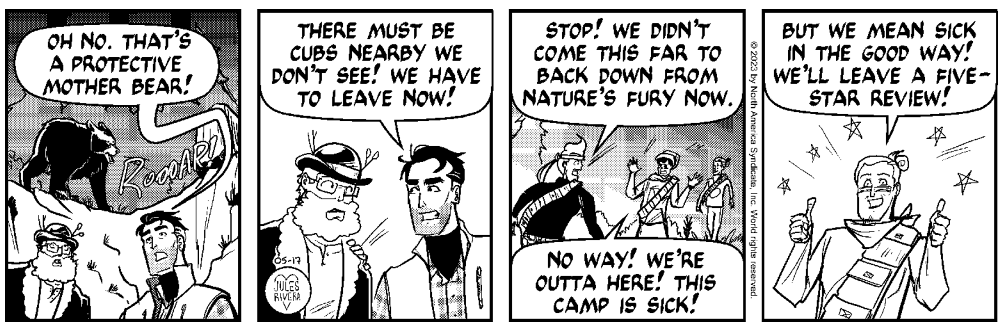
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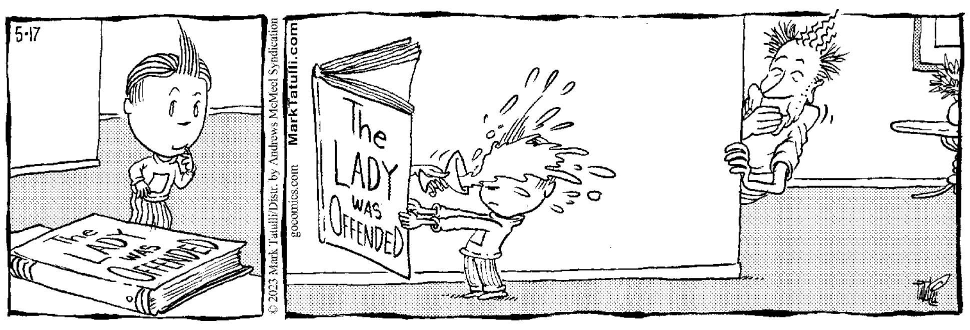
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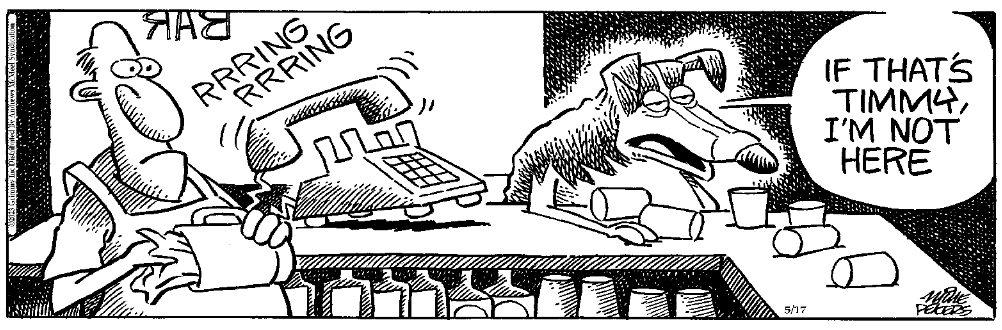
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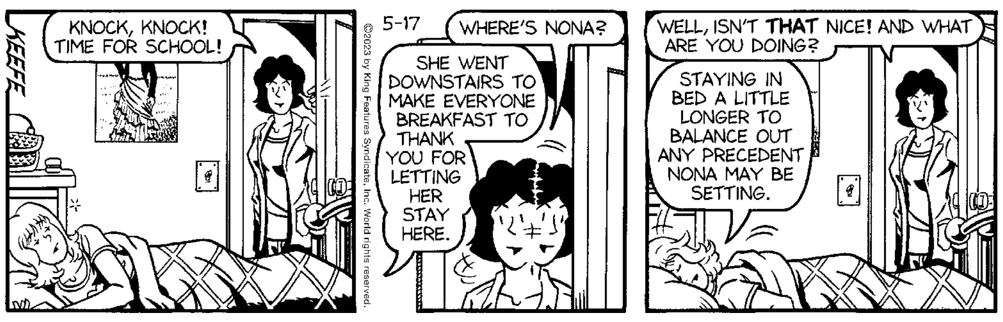
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BLONDIE — DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL



SALLY FORTH — FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE



SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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RACK 2: O_1 O_1 Y_4 D_2 L_1 W_4 P_3 — Triple Word Score

RACK 3: A_1 O_1 Y_4 C_3 B_3 T_1 B_3 — 2nd Letter Double

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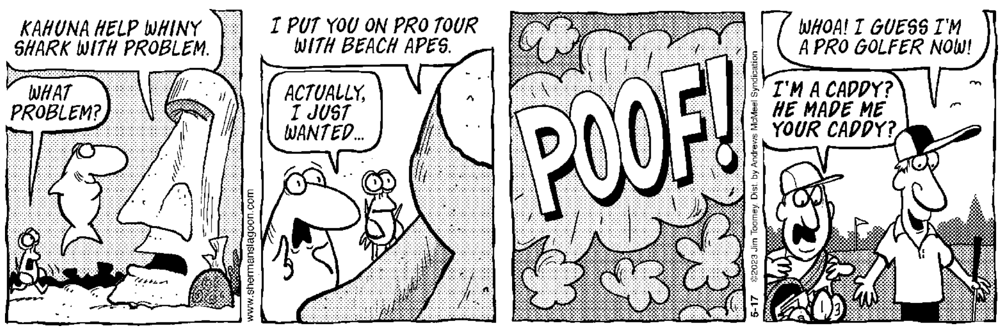
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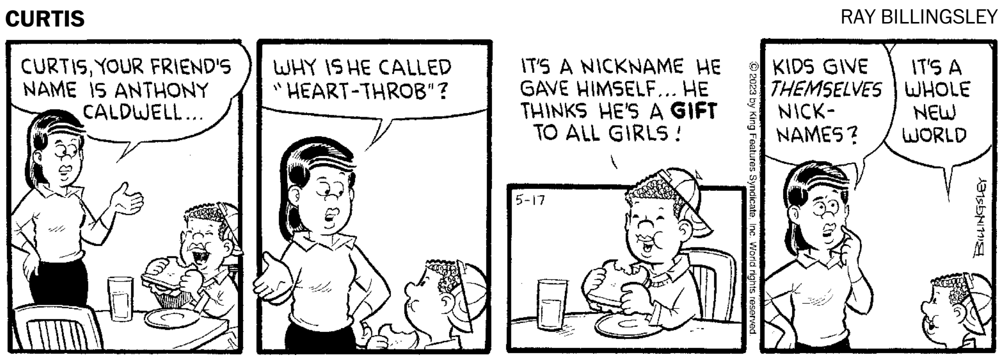
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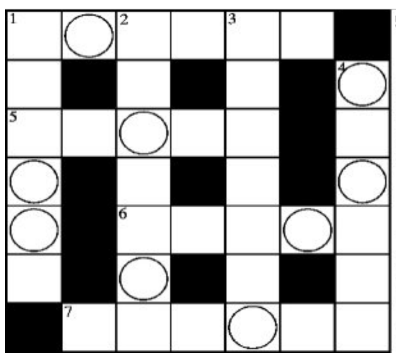
SHERMAN'S LAGOON — JIM TOOMEY



CURTIS — RAY BILLINGSLEY



JUMBLE CROSSWORDS — by David L. Hoyt



5-17-23

How to play: Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ACROSS CLUE	ANSWER
1. Canopy, sunshade	NIWNGA
5. ____ sign	PCEEA
6. Dislodge, expel	ETICV
7. Stain, blot, smirch	SATGIM

DOWN CLUE	ANSWER
1. Materialize	PAEARP
2. Closest	NTSAERE
3. Requiring	EEINDNG
4. ____ Christie	HAAATG

BONUS

CLUE: The ____ dollar was introduced in 2000 as a replacement for the Susan B. Anthony dollar.

ANSWERS: 1A-Awning 5A-Peace 6A-Evict 7A-Stigma 1D-Appear 2D-Nearest 3D-Needing 4D-Agatha B-Sacagawea

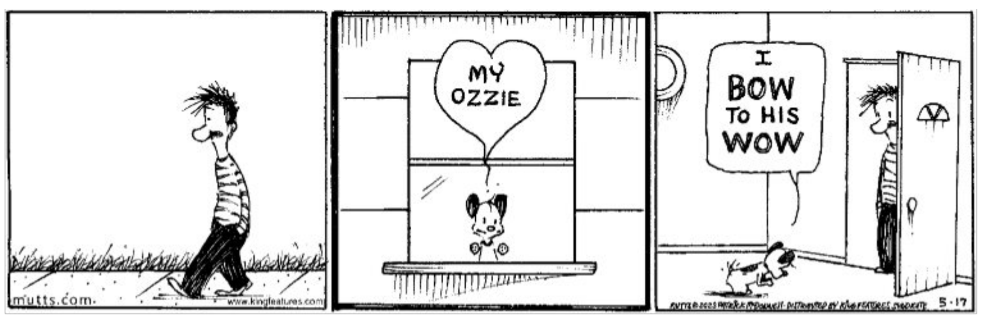
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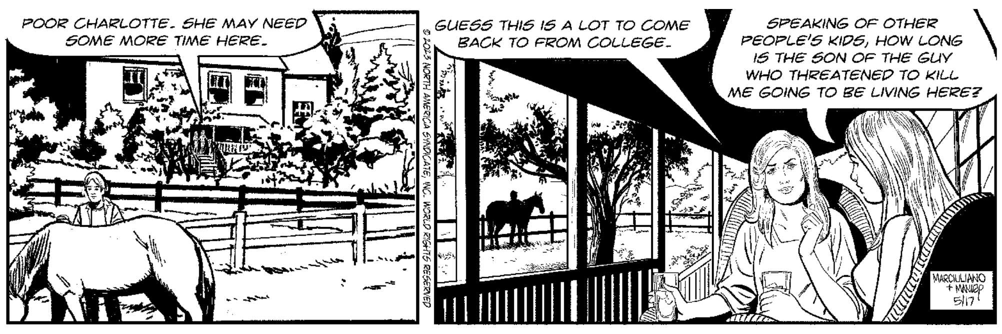
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HEART OF THE CITY STEENZ



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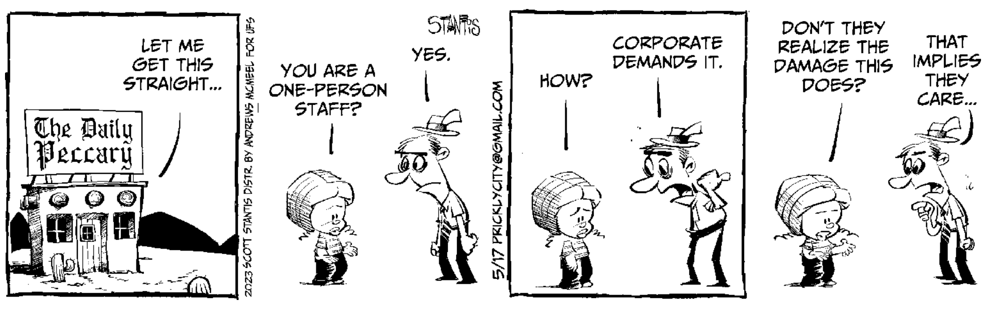
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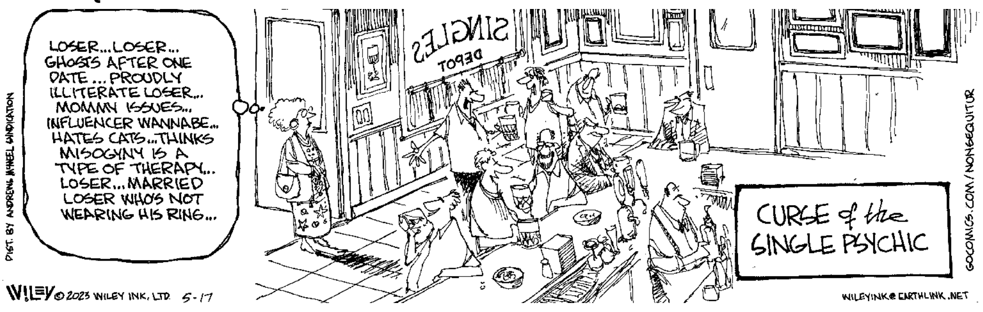
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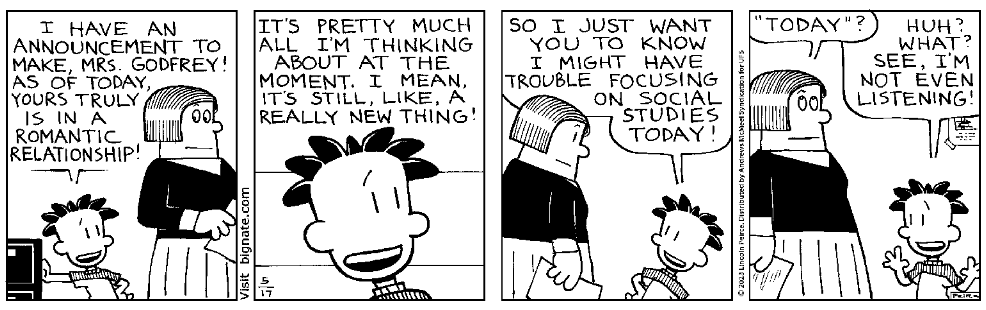
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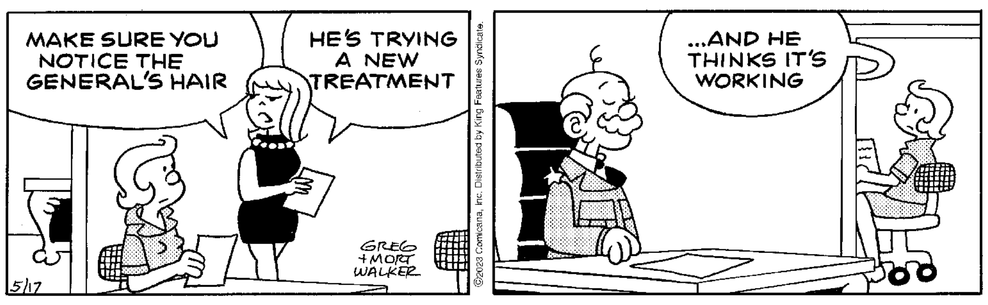


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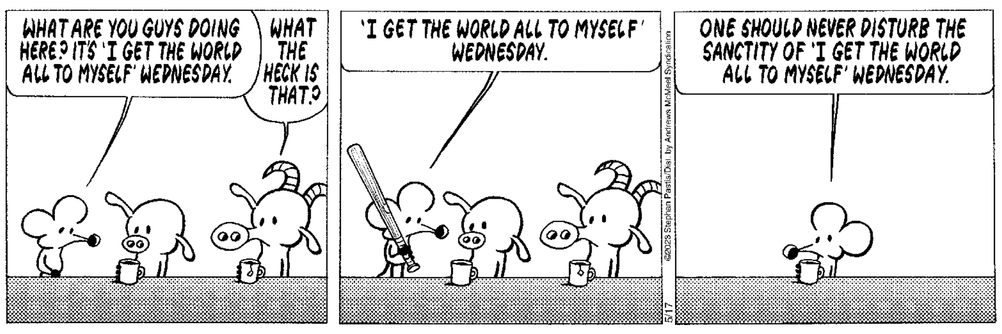


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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE STEPHAN PASTIS



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BIRTHDAY | MAY 17

You will radiate positive energy. You like to be helpful, but you can be stubborn. Many of you are passionately involved with music. This is a slower-paced year. Take time to rejuvenate yourself and concentrate on the relationships that will make you happy.

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 5 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. today. After that, the Moon moves from Aries into Taurus.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
This is an excellent day to make plans concerning your earnings or your job, because you are fortunate right now with moneybags Jupiter entering your Money House. In addition, you're in a practical, grounded frame of mind. This is a valuable combination.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
Today the Moon is in your sign lined up with Jupiter and Mercury. It's also doing a two-step with Saturn. The result is you can trust your ideas today. Furthermore, you can trust your ability to present them with authority and confidence.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
Your ability to research things and find answers to problems is excellent today. Keep digging. You will find what you're looking for because you have perseverance and focus.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
This is an excellent day to make plans for the future. If you need to discuss them with younger people or get the advice of someone older, either way, you win. A member of a group or a club also might help you at this time.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
If dealing with bosses, parents, teachers or VIPs today, you'll be persuasive. People will listen to you, because you sound like you know what you're talking about. Furthermore, you're impressive.

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
This is an excellent day to study and learn something new. You will have the perseverance and focus necessary to absorb what you read. It's also a positive day for legal matters as well as anything related to medicine, publishing and the media.

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
Financial discussions will go well today, especially if they are related to shared property, insurance matters, inheritances, wills or anything to do with your partner's wealth.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
Discussions with partners, spouses and close friends will go very well today. You have enough optimism to be in a positive frame of mind, and yet, at the same time, you are grounded and realistic, especially when it comes to making future plans. Bravo!

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
This is a productive day for you! You are focused, energetic and optimistic. People with experience might advise you. Younger people will listen to you. This is the perfect day to wrap up old business and grease the wheels to achieve your objectives.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
Today favors the arts, sports and playful activities with children. It's also an excellent day to perfect or hone a technique or a skill that might be related to sports or the arts, especially music.

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
Family discussions will go well today, especially discussions with a parent or an older family member. This is a good time to tackle home repairs that you've been putting off.

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
You have an excellent ability to communicate with others today. This same quality will also allow you to learn and study something new. Enjoy short trips and conversations with your daily contacts, especially neighbors, relatives and siblings.

— Georgia Nicols

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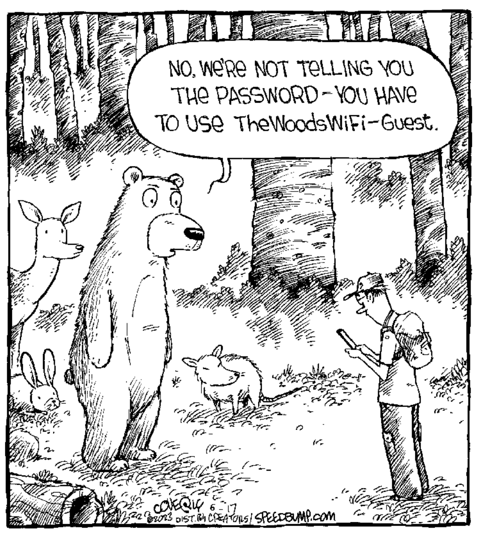
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Former Hillsong pastor Lentz gives his first big interview since his 2020 firing



FX

Carl Lentz in the "The Secrets of Hillsong," which will air its first two episodes on FX on Friday and its second two on May 26.

HILLSONG FROM **C1**

Hillsong founder Brian Houston and his father, pastor Frank Houston. The younger Houston has been accused of both his own sexual misconduct, including making sexually suggestive remarks to a female attendee of a conference in 2019, and of covering up his father's sexual abuse of young boys in the 1970s. (Houston blames his incident on an accidental mix of anxiety medication and alcohol and says it was a one-time mistake, but he has denied covering up his father's sex abuse.)

Still, "The Secrets of Hillsong" makes a number of new revelations, listed below.

Lentz says childhood sex abuse and a prescription-drug addiction sent him to rock bottom

Lentz says he was diagnosed with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder after college and was prescribed medication. He began taking more without authorization to keep up with the demanding pace of Hillsong's expansion in the 2010s. Lentz also reveals that he is a survivor of childhood sex abuse at the hands of a family friend, which distorted his ideas and desires in adulthood. "Any sort of drugs mixed with any sort of sexual addictions mixed with any sort of pressure, it'll create a storm of problems," Lentz says.

Lentz takes responsibility for the affair that led to his firing

Within the first few moments that Lentz is on-screen, he wells up and expresses nervousness about how his words will be portrayed and received. He prays aloud on-camera, a riff on the serenity prayer.

Lentz notes that, in the months ahead of his firing, he knew he wasn't fit to lead his church and should have stepped away, and he owns up when asked about his infidelity. "I did those things. Those are on me. I take responsibility for those, and for the rest of my life I'll be making amends where I can," he says.

There was another affair

Though the revelation of Lentz's affair with New York designer Ranin Karim led to his firing, Lentz himself admits that there were others, including Leona Kimes, a church member who worked as the Lentzes' nanny. Laura Lentz, in an interview for the series, even recalls catching her husband with Kimes: "One night I found them in a compromising position," adding that she "ran into the room and shoved Carl and hit him, then I jumped on top of her and punched her." Kimes stayed on as the Lentzes' nanny for some time afterward.

In an open letter published after Lentz's firing, Kimes accused Lentz of sexually abusing her, which Lentz denies. "I am responsible for allowing an inappropriate relationship to develop in my house with someone who worked for us," he says on-screen. "Any notion of abuse is categorically false."

Lentz credits therapy, which is controversial in some Christian circles, with his healing

After leaving Hillsong, Lentz went to rehab and "began the layer peel-back" of how he'd fallen so far short of his ideals. "I found out at that rehab center that I was a mess inside," he says.

"Unfortunately, sometimes in our Christian community, we have neglected logic, neglected science, neglected therapy, neglected help," he adds. In his own therapy sessions, "we prayed. We talked about God. But then we talked about stuff that prayer in and of itself and talking about Jesus is not going to fix."

After fleeing New York, Lentz moved to Sarasota, Fla., and got a desk job

Lentz went to Florida, he says, because he could go "off the grid," and he shows a film crew his desk at the gray-and-white office of an advertising firm. Lentz, his signature aviator frames and skinny jeans long gone but replaced by a leopard-print collared shirt, jokes that the job is a good fit: "I've been advertising the Gospel for quite a while." (Other reporting makes clear that he accepted a position with a church in Tulsa earlier this year.)

Lentz's marriage survived the scandal

"The Secrets of Hillsong" waits until its final minutes to show footage of the Lentzes and their three children at home in Sarasota together, revealing that their marriage and family remain intact. Though Laura admits that she was angry at her husband, at their church and even at God, Lentz praises her enduring commitment to all three. "Nobody should go through that," he says of his own infidelity, "especially a wife who's flawless in character."

Some raise the possibility that swift firing was retaliation

On-screen, past associates of Brian Houston paint him as vindictive. Geoff Bullock, a former music leader, recounts how he left the church after a dispute with Houston over volunteer exploitation. Later, he alleges, Hillsong, at Houston's direction, "tried to destroy" him by isolating him, marring his reputation and barring worship musicians from performing his compositions.

Lentz says he was thinking of leaving to start his own church shortly before he was fired, which leads some in the series to speculate that Houston, as former congregant Janice Lagata puts it, "went scorched earth just to ruin his chances of surviving outside of Hillsong."

"Rule number one of power is you don't outshine the master," Alex French, a Vanity Fair contributing editor, says on-screen. "And that's 100 percent what Carl had done."

(The documentary notes that Brian Houston said he was not afraid of losing congregants if Lentz left, but did not respond to a question about ordering musicians not to perform Bullock's music. The Washington Post has reached out to Hillsong for comment on these and other allegations in the series.)

Some tried to change Hillsong from the inside

In 2017, five of the New York church's female congregants wrote a letter asking leadership to account for alleged inappropriate sexual behavior between staff and interns. Lentz and other leaders took a meeting with the group, but some say on-camera that they weren't convinced that he would address it. All five left the church within a year.

Lentz himself also claims that he sometimes spoke up in global leadership meetings about the New York church's tone-deafness on race in a diverse city — advising, for example, that the church should avoid having an all-White panel at a women's conference in Harlem. Lentz says Houston and other elders were skeptical, so he eventually piped down.

Brian Houston believes his mother knew about his father's sexual abuse

In 2014, Houston testified before an Australian Royal Commission into child sex abuse at Hillsong that he'd only known about one instance of his father Frank's abuse with one boy. In 2021, Houston was formally charged with allegedly covering up more of his father's abuse. At trial in 2022, Houston testified that his late mother, Hazel, was aware of her husband's abuse of Brett Sengstock, one of the first of Frank's victims to come forward.

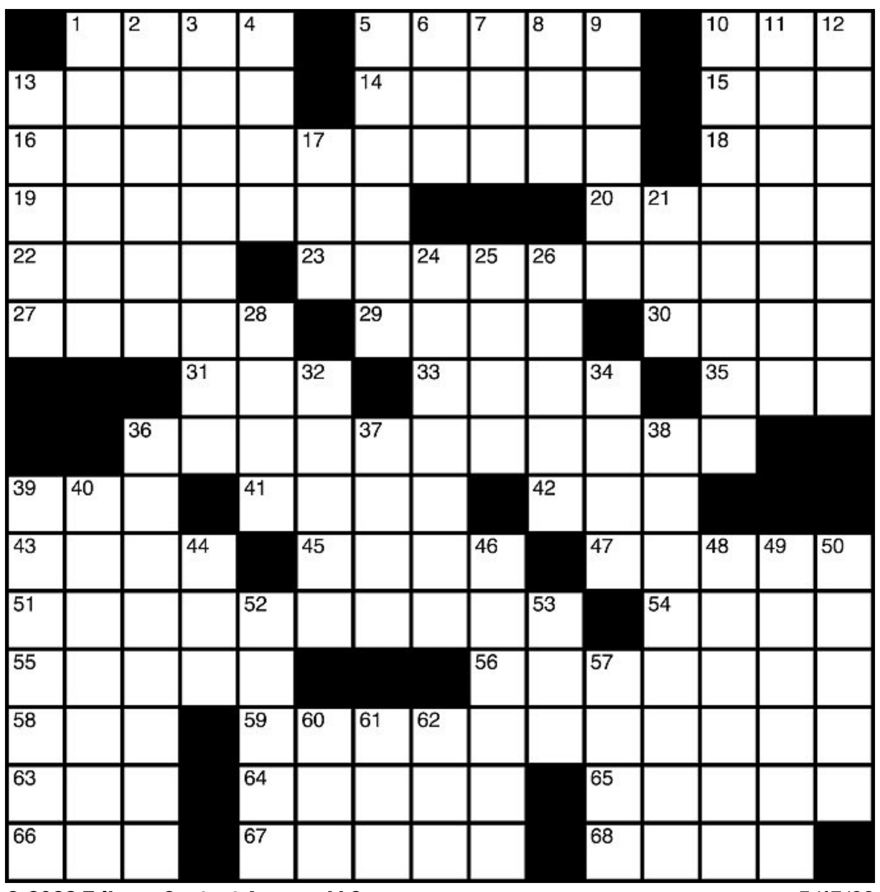
Houston's trial is expected to resume in June.

All told, French says on camera that, although Lentz has become emblematic of Hillsong's many problems, Lentz is ultimately little more than "a cog."

"He's a pretty important cog," French adds, "but the wheel is broken."

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By Margaret Hurley & Barbara Lin



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NICK GALIFIANAKIS FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Popularity differences, reunion woes



Carolyn Hax

Dear Carolyn: My now-boyfriend and I went to high school together, but we didn't become a couple until nearly 10 years later. While we were classmates, we ran in completely different circles. He was a popular, funny and athletic class clown; I was friendless, nerdy (though not especially successful academically) and lonely, and I dealt with an eating disorder. It took the neutralizing power of adult life to make it possible for us to really "see" each other.

Anyway, we are going to a 15-year reunion event, and I am oddly nervous. He is going to be among lots of friends, and I'll be among the people who made me feel like a total outcast. I have considered not going, but he really wants us to go together and promises me he'll be supportive.

At the very best, I worry that it'll be unpleasant; at worst, he might see me in my old element and wonder why he is with me now. How do I make the best of this event? Why do they have high school reunions, anyway?

— She's All That

She's All That: The "neutralizing power of adult life" didn't work its magic on only you and your boyfriend.

The disorienting power of adolescent life didn't push you alone to feel like an outcast.

The point of a reunion, besides selling name tags and Spanx, is to celebrate the power of common experience, with full awareness that experience wasn't always something to celebrate.

Yours happened to have been acutely painful, and it's normal to turn inward in response to pain — nothing "oddly" about it. However, you have a lot to be proud of, and your classmates are also experiencing some mix of curiosity, pride, apprehension and self-doubt.

Not everyone will have used the past 15 years to get over themselves and the wide range of things to get over, sure, and you will of course feel vulnerable around them. But people in their 30s still sorting by popularity are more to be pitied than feared.

I almost didn't mention this, because it tilts toward a winning-and-losing attitude, which is the wrong one. But having a mental game plan for those who treat you "like a total outcast"— or, also icky, people who up your value by hot-guy association — can help with the flare-ups of old terror as you're about to walk into a room.

Otherwise, reunions are a chance to square up and meet others from a shared point of origin. It is the nature of perspective that we can't predict how it will feel — but a brave attitude alone can tilt things your way.

Plus, if you have no expectations beyond some open-bar anthropology, people might surprise you. They can get disarmingly honest as the years pile up, and, through the right lens, even bluster has kitsch value. Ask your classmates about themselves. Harvest narratives. Decide for yourself how they reflect on you, if at all. You might surprise yourself.

You might learn much about your boyfriend that's available nowhere else.

You can also do all this great introspection only to decide you don't care. Great then, say no. Your boyfriend will manage. I'm spelling out why you might not hate it or why it might be worthwhile even if you do hate it, not why I think you should go.

But even if you're unmoved in your conviction that reunions are just bad liquor and worse people, there's this: If you stay home in any part out of fear that your relationship can't take it, then you will always fear that your relationship can't take it. Fear decisions in general leave an aftertaste of regret.

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Sofia Huerta, 30, earned five caps for the Mexican team but changed her allegiance to the United States and is trying to get a spot on the World Cup roster.

On the bubble — again

Huerta, hoping to make first U.S. World Cup roster at 30, has been doubted every step of the way

BY THOMAS FLOYD

Roaming from Idaho to Australia, Sofia Huerta hasn't charted the most conventional path to women's World Cup roster contention.

With a spot on Coach Vlatko Andonovski's 23-player squad this summer, the Boise native would become the first player from the Gem State to suit up for the U.S. national team on soccer's grandest stage. Huerta also would be the only woman to have represented another national team before playing for the United States in a World Cup, having earned five caps for Mexico from 2012 to 2013.

The 30-year-old has played for three NWSL teams and embarked on three stints in Australia during a winding club career. Positionally, Huerta was recruited to Santa Clara as a center back before shifting to forward in college, making a name for herself as an attacker in the NWSL, then dropping to right back to play her way onto the U.S. team.

"People just really liked to tell me that I wasn't going to ever make it," Huerta said. "I was always told when I was younger that I was good for Idaho but I would never make it in college. When I was in college, I was good in college but I'm never going to make it in the pros. Then when I got to the pros, I was really good in the pros but I would never make the national team. So I literally have always been told no."

That includes by two U.S. coaches — Jill Ellis, then Andonovski — as Huerta fell out of the national team picture from June 2018 to November 2021 after making several appearances for the Americans in the buildup to the 2019 World Cup.

But after establishing herself at right back in the NWSL with Seattle-based OL Reign, Huerta earned a recall under Andonovski and developed into a national team fixture ahead of this summer's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand. Of all the field players in Andonovski's player pool, Huerta is the only one in her 30s who, if selected for the World Cup, would be playing her first major international tournament.

"It says a lot about her ability to stay patient," said Alana Cook, a center back who plays alongside Huerta with the

SEE HUERTA ON D2

Kang taking over Lyon: Spirit owner adds majority stake in French power, plans multi-club network. **D2**

Spurs win lottery for top pick in NBA draft

France's Wembanyama is seen as best prospect since James in 2003

BY BEN GOLLIVER

CHICAGO — In the NBA's most anticipated lottery drawing of the past 20 years, the San Antonio Spurs emerged as the winner of the Victor Wembanyama sweepstakes Tuesday by earning the right to select first in the June 22 draft.

The Spurs, who were tied for the Western Conference's worst record at 22-60, had a 14 percent chance at claiming the top selection. Wembanyama, who stands 7-foot-4 and has an eight-foot wingspan, will follow in the footsteps of San Antonio's two previous No. 1 overall picks: Hall of Fame centers David Robinson and Tim Duncan, who were selected in 1987 and 1997, respectively.

SEE NBA LOTTERY ON D5

Nuggets take opener: Denver holds off a late Lakers rally. **D6**

Harvey can't close the deal, and Miami walks off Nats

MARLINS 5, NATIONALS 4

BY ANDREW GOLDEN

MIAMI — Hunter Harvey sat in front of his locker in the Washington Nationals' clubhouse with his feet up as he leaned back in his chair. He kept his eyes fixed straight ahead, his hands on his head.

Harvey had each of the final three hitters he faced down to the final strike a few minutes earlier. Had he executed the right pitch to any of them, he would have preserved a win. But Harvey allowed a two-out double to Garrett Cooper, then a two-out single to

SEE NATIONALS ON D3

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Prospecting: Pitcher Jake Irvin is a Nats rarity: A homegrown player. **D3**

McIlroy wants in from the wilderness

The PGA presents latest chance to end major drought of nearly nine years

BY CHUCK CULPEPPER

By now, Rory McIlroy might try hopelessness. Thirty-two major tournaments into a major drought zero people foresaw as he won his fourth major title at age 25 under the ornery summer clouds of Louisville in August 2014, a little hopelessness could help if the hope has gotten heavy. There are those occasional times in sports, especially in the peerless nuttiness of golf, when somebody wins and then tells of having arrived at the event with a certain hopelessness.

Through those 32 majors, McIlroy has tried playing the week before six times. He has played two weeks before 14 times, three weeks before thrice, four weeks before four times, five weeks before thrice and seven weeks before once. (He had to miss one altogether: the 2015 British Open.) Momentum can be lovely, so six times he has tried winning within the preceding month. He has wound up second twice, third once, fourth twice, fifth four times, seventh twice, eighth thrice, ninth twice, 10th once, somewhere between 17th and 50th seven times, and cut seven times. The lone third-place finish, essentially a runner-up slot last July at St. Andrews at the 150th British Open, groans harshest.

Now he reaches the 105th PGA Championship in Rochester, N.Y.,

SEE PGA ON D3

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Oak Hill, Rochester, N.Y.
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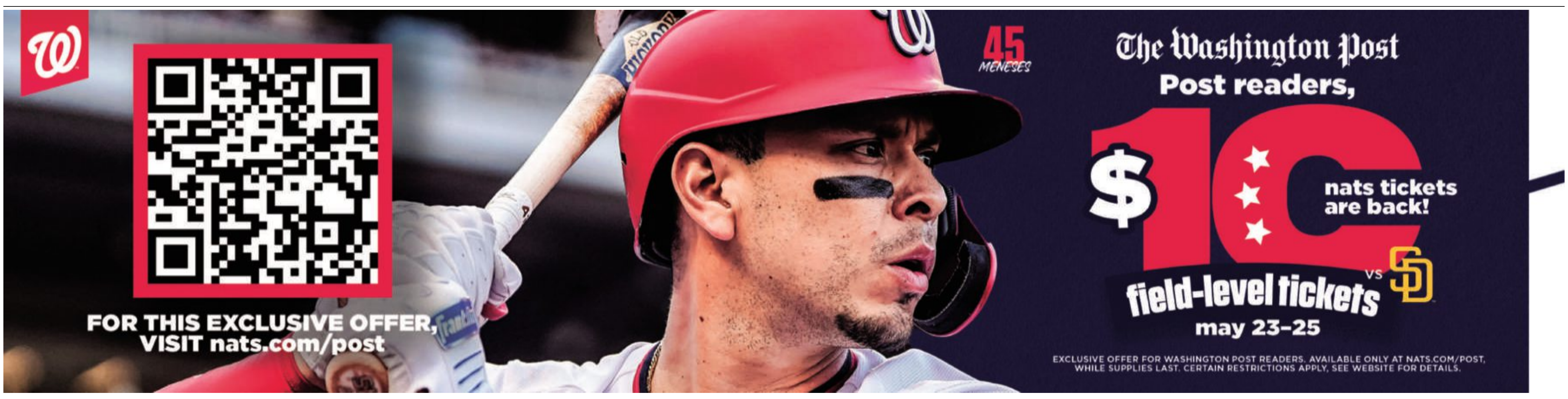

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Rory McIlroy won the 2014 PGA Championship, the last of his four major titles, and has gone 32 majors without hoisting a trophy.

SOCCER
Folarin Balogun, an Arsenal forward lighting up Ligue 1, chooses the USMNT over England. **D2**

BASEBALL
The Bowie Baysox have special plans tomorrow to celebrate the end of Daniel Snyder's reign. **D4**

PRO BASKETBALL
The 76ers' latest playoff flameout — despite having the league's MVP — costs Doc Rivers his job. **D6**



Kang taking over Lyon, forming unique network

French power joins Spirit in first multi-club group owned, led by women

BY ELLA BROCKWAY

A year after purchasing the Washington Spirit for $35 million, Y. Michele Kang is making another big splash in the women's soccer world.

Kang on Tuesday announced the creation of a multi-club organization that will bring together the Spirit and French club Olympique Lyonnais, an eight-time Champions League winner, as the first teams in a network of women's soccer clubs stretching around the globe. It is the first woman-owned, women-led multi-club organization of its kind.

"It's critical because now you're going to see the level of investments that are going to go in and we can ensure that others will come along," Kang said in an interview. "This is not just about the Spirit. This is not just about OL. This is about bringing women's soccer to that level so that young girls growing up all around the world can see it and be inspired and say, 'I'm going to go into professional soccer.' "

The new entity will consist of Kang's majority share of the Spirit and the Lyon women's team, contributed by OL Groupe, the French club's parent company. Kang, the founder of a healthcare technology company, will be the majority owner and CEO of the yet-to-be-named organization.

Kang will hold a 52 percent stake in the Lyon women's team, which has been reportedly valued at 50 million euros ($54.4 million). OL Groupe will, for now, hold the remaining 48 percent and continue to oversee Lyon's men's team, separate from the women's operation. (Kang will sit on OL Groupe's board and is a minority shareholder in Eagle Football Holdings, the investment vehicle of OL Groupe chairman John Textor.)

Since 2020, OL Groupe has also owned OL Reign, a Seattle-based NWSL club. Tuesday's announcement confirmed that OL Groupe is selling the Reign, removing any potential conflict of interest regarding Kang's ownership of both the Spirit and Lyon.

The deal is subject to approval by the NWSL and by various third parties in France and should be completed by the end of June.

Upon taking over the Spirit in 2022, Kang publicly pledged to build not only the best women's soccer team but the best sports team in the world. From that time last year, she said, she was aware her vision would require resources and investment beyond the scope of one single club.

"Our female players, whether in France or England or the U.S., they are the best. They're World Cup winners and Olympic gold medalists, and yet their playing environments, practice environments, are inferior to what their male counterparts' are. That's not right," Kang said. "And I think that's what I really wanted to [address]. And to do that, you have to build a sort of single organization that can afford the singular attention and focus and build that scale."

The multi-club model is not uncommon in international soccer. Austrian energy-drink manufacturer Red Bull owns men's teams in four countries, and the City Football Group holds stakes in 12 clubs, from Manchester City in the English Premier League to New York City FC in MLS.

As Kang sees it, this global network will allow each member club to leverage its strengths. The Spirit could share best practices about the innovative training methods spurred by head of performance Dawn Scott. Lyon's successful youth academy could become a model for other teams. In areas from scouting to data analytics to coaching, staffers could move around, gaining exposure to different cultures and styles.

"Michele's vision to create training and playing environments for women that are equal to their male counterparts and to train women as women will benefit women all over the world," Mark Krikorian, the Spirit's president of soccer operations, said in an email. "I'm hoping this will inspire other investors and owners to broaden their commitments to the women's game."

The company will look to acquire other clubs across the top leagues of Europe, the Americas and Asia. It could have three to four total clubs under its umbrella by the end of this year, Kang said.

During the clubs' four-season partnership, OL Reign has seen players from Lyon move to the NWSL on loans and adopted a new badge and colors to match those of the French team. Within this network, it's possible that players move between clubs, Kang said, to optimize each roster rather than feed top players to one specific team.

The Spirit and Lyon will maintain their own names and identities. In March, Washington unveiled a new black-and-white color scheme, but that rebranding process is independent of this deal.

"No one is going to be called 'Spirit,' no one is going to be called 'OL,' other than OL and the Spirit," Kang said. "The rebranding effort for the Spirit was just by itself for the Spirit — how do we modernize a little bit and how do we make sure that we reach more fans in the D.C. area?"

Lyon has built a reputation as one of soccer's most successful clubs. Under club president Jean-Michel Aulas, it attracted the world's best players with high salaries and top facilities, winning 15 of the past 16 French league titles. (Aulas is stepping down after 36 years in the role.)

Kang was in attendance as Lyon won the Coupe de France on Saturday, receiving a winner's medal with the team. Ten hours later, the Spirit earned a 1-0 win over Angel City, extending its unbeaten start to the season and climbing to the top of the NWSL standings.

"Hopefully, it's exciting for our fans, even in D.C. And I want to make sure that they understand, this is not taking anything away from the Spirit," Kang said. "This is to make every team even stronger by pulling some of the resources, but local identity, local investment will continue to remain strong."

SOCCER ROUNDUP

Balogun switches teams from England to the U.S.

FROM NEWS SERVICES AND STAFF REPORTS

Folarin Balogun, a high-scoring, Brooklyn-born forward playing in the French league, has chosen to play for the U.S. men's national soccer team after beginning his international career with England.

FIFA on Tuesday said it had approved Balogun's request for a one-time switch, clearing the way for the 21-year-old to report to U.S. camp in Los Angeles starting June 5 and debut at the Concacaf Nations League finals June 15-18 in Las Vegas. He will boost a program seeking a consistent scorer in the buildup to the 2026 World Cup, which will take place in the United States, Mexico and Canada.

"My decision to represent the United States came together with my family," Balogun said in a statement. "In the end it became a no-brainer, but for sure, it's just something I wanted to do and it feels like I'm at home here. To represent the United States means a lot, more than people would know. I'm very proud and honored to have this opportunity, and I want to give everything I have to make our team successful."

Balogun was eligible to play for the United States, England (where he has lived most of his life) or Nigeria (his parents' homeland). Since 2018, he has played for English youth national teams. In September, he scored for the under-21 squad against Germany.

He did, however, accept a U.S. call-up to a U-18 training camp in 2018. And this March, he fueled speculation of switching by meeting U.S. players and coaches at training camp in Orlando.

Late last week, on Balogun's behalf, the U.S. Soccer Federation filed the request with FIFA. The global governing body allows players to change national eligibility before playing in a competitive game at the senior level.

— Steven Goff

Inter makes Champions final

Inter Milan reached its first Champions League final in more than a decade with a 1-0 victory over city rival AC Milan.

Inter had a 2-0 lead from the first leg of the semifinal, and Lautaro Martinez's 74th-minute goal ended any hopes for Milan to stage a comeback.

Several players from both teams fell to the ground in tears at the final whistle as the Nerazzurri won the so-called "Euroderby" 3-0 on aggregate to progress to their first final since they won the league, Italian Cup and Champions League under José Mourinho in 2010.

Inter players and staff celebrated afterward with their fans, singing and dancing in front of the Curva Nord packed full of Nerazzurri supporters in an electric atmosphere at San Siro — the stadium the teams share.

Inter will face either Real Madrid or Manchester City in Istanbul on June 10. The second leg of the other semifinal is Wednesday, with the score line locked at 1-1.

For Milan, the lengthy wait goes on. It last reached the showpiece event in 2007, when it won the last of its seven titles.

Milan welcomed back Rafael Leão. He missed last week's loss with a thigh injury, and the Rossoneri were hoping his comeback would inspire the team to do the same.

Inter sealed its place in the final when Martínez made his way into left side of the area and exchanged passes with Romelu Lukaku — who had come on for Edin Dzeko less than 10 minutes earlier — before firing in at the near post.

— Associated Press

Huerta is on the World Cup bubble. She's used to it.

HUERTA FROM D1



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Former teammate Danielle Colaprico says of Sofia Huerta (8): "She never gives up, and she's a fighter."

Reign and the U.S. team. "It can be devastating to be cut from any roster. To have the steadiness, to have the self-belief to keep chipping away and keep working at it and keep bettering yourself to be ready whenever that next call comes, it's impressive. It's just a testament to her fortitude."

Looking back on her Idahoan upbringing, Huerta said that "late bloomer" persona was instilled from a young age. With two older siblings who played soccer and a father who coached, Huerta has been involved in the sport from a young age. But Idaho largely lacked the infrastructure to develop players and the exposure to identify top-tier talent. As an athlete who played soccer three months a year and spent the rest of her time competing in basketball, track and swimming, Huerta acknowledged feeling "deficient in my technicality" as she played catch-up with prospects from other states.

"It's not the most competitive area when it comes to sports," Huerta said. "There were a lot of times where I did lack some resources, so I wasn't quite sure if that was going to happen for me."

If Huerta faced a learning curve in college, it didn't show in her production: She posted 47 goals and 19 assists in four years at Santa Clara, earning West Coast Conference co-player of the year honors as a senior. Along the way, she began to play for Mexico — her father is from Puebla — but announced before the 2015 World Cup that she would turn down further call-ups in hopes of representing the United States.

"Pretty much everyone told me that I should just play for Mexico and that the U.S. is probably not really going to be an option," Huerta said. "I even had coaches tell me that, and close friends. But I just knew that I could do it."

Picked 11th in the 2015 NWSL draft by the Chicago Red Stars, Huerta scored six goals in her first season en route to a spot on the rookie of the year shortlist. In 2017, she formally switched international allegiance and made her U.S. debut that September as then-coach Jill Ellis tried converting her to right back.

The following season, Huerta requested a trade from Chicago to the Houston Dash so that she could play right back at the club level — only to unexpectedly be slotted into an attacking role there as well. Without regular reps at the position, Huerta saw her U.S. call-ups dry up.

"That's probably when I questioned if I made the right decision," Huerta said. "It was a lot of negativity. I just felt like I didn't take the opportunity that was given to me and do everything I could. I had a lot of regret and anxiety."

With a life coach's assistance, Huerta focused on redefining success — the national team, she told herself, was not the be-all and end-all of a soccer career — and looking forward. Having previously played for Australian team Adelaide United during the offseason, she returned Down Under for loan stints with Sydney FC ahead of the 2019 and 2020 NWSL seasons in hopes of further sharpening her game.

"She never gives up, and she's a fighter," said Danielle Colaprico, Huerta's former teammate in Chicago, Adelaide and Sydney. "The second someone tells you that she can't do something, she'll turn around and do it."

A trade brought Huerta to Seattle in early 2020, but it wasn't until Laura Harvey took over as Reign coach a year later that she made the move to right back full time. Within months, Huerta was back with the national team as U.S. regulars Crystal Dunn and Casey Krueger took time off to have children and Andonovski looked to bulk up his options at outside back. When veteran Kelley O'Hara suffered a foot injury at last summer's Concacaf W Championship in Mexico, Huerta logged the full 90 minutes in the semifinal and final as the Americans edged Olympic gold medalist Canada for the title.

Although a number of American outside backs can jump into the attack, Huerta's background as a prolific attacker adds a different dimension. With the ability to fly down the flank, ping pinpoint crosses into the box and take aim at goal from distance, Huerta brings attacking prowess that has thus far negated concerns about her lack of defensive experience.

"People will say my defensive side lacks quality," Huerta said. "I personally back myself and believe that that was just going to take time."

Cook and Colaprico also hail Huerta's ability to liven a locker room, throwing around terms like "happy-go-lucky," "bubbly" and "vibrant." Still, Huerta knows her World Cup ticket is far from assured: Dunn and Krueger are back, O'Hara is healthy and Emily Fox has played her way into a starting spot. "You have lock-ins and you have bubble players," Huerta said. "I would consider myself more of a bubble player." But considering her twisting trek to today, feeling safe in her selection wouldn't have felt quite right.

"I had some unfortunate bumps in the road, but I think it just makes my journey unique," Huerta said. "I don't think it was ever going to be an easy road for me. So it's actually more fitting that I had to face some adversity than just having a smooth sailing journey."

DIGEST

PRO BASKETBALL

Aces lose draft pick, Hammon is suspended

The Las Vegas Aces lost their 2025 first-round pick and the WNBA suspended Coach **Becky Hammon** for two games without pay because of violations involving former player **Dearica Hamby**, the league said Tuesday.

The WNBA said the team violation included "promises of impermissible benefits in connection with negotiations for an extension" of Hamby's contract. Hammon's violation was related to her comments to Hamby "in connection with Hamby's recent pregnancy."

Hamby, who was traded to the Los Angeles Sparks in January, had brought the issues to light in an Instagram post, writing that she was accused of signing a contract extension while knowingly pregnant and her commitment to the team was questioned. She also wrote, "I was promised things to entice me to sign my contract extension that were not followed through on."

The Aces said in a statement that they were disappointed by the outcome of the investigation and supported Hammon.

"The WNBA's determination about Becky Hammon are inconsistent with what we know and love about her," the team said.

Meanwhile, the players union indicated in a statement that it wasn't satisfied with the punishments.

— Kareem Copeland

Chase Buford is leaving his role as head coach of the Sydney Kings after leading the club to back-to-back titles in Australia's National Basketball League.

The club said in a statement that it wouldn't pick up its option for Buford to return because the 34-year-old American couldn't commit exclusively to the job. The Kings have supported Buford's pursuit of a role in the NBA.

PRO FOOTBALL

Jackson Mahomes, the brother of Kansas City Chiefs quarterback **Patrick Mahomes**, grabbed a woman by the neck and kissed her against her will in February, according to new information in an affidavit.

Mahomes was charged with three counts of aggravated sexual battery and one count of battery after the alleged incident at Aspens Restaurant and Lounge in Overland Park, Kan., on Feb. 25.

Investigators said Mahomes shoved a waiter who tried to enter a room where he was with **Aspen Vaughn**, the restaurant's owner. After the waiter left, Mahomes grabbed Vaughn and forcefully kissed her three times without consent, the affidavit said.

During a brief hearing, a Johnson County judge agreed to Mahomes's request to have his bond agreement modified so he could talk to three of four people listed as witnesses, who are his friends. . . .

Quarterback **Ben DiNucci**, a former James Madison star who led the XFL with 2,671 passing yards for the Seattle Sea Dragons this spring, signed with the Denver Broncos. . . .

Retired quarterback **Brett Favre** asked the Mississippi Supreme Court to remove him as a defendant in a lawsuit that seeks to recover millions of dollars of misspent welfare funds.

TENNIS

Motivated by what he later described as numerous instances of bad sportsmanship from his opponent, **Novak Djokovic** produced his best clay-court performance of the year in a 6-3, 6-4 win over 13th-seeded **Cameron Norrie** at the Italian Open.

The Serb advances to the quarterfinals in Rome for the 17th straight year. He will face seventh-seeded **Holger Rune** in a rematch of the Paris Masters final that the 20-year-old Dane won in November.

Also, **Daniil Medvedev** beat 2017 champion **Alexander Zverev** for the third time this year, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3). Medvedev had not won a match in three previous visits to Rome but will now play German qualifier **Yannick Hanfmann** — who upset Monte Carlo champion **Andrey Rublev**, 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 6-3 — for a spot in the semifinals.

Stefanos Tsitsipas finished off **Lorenzo Sonego**, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3), in a match that was suspended because of rain Monday. Tsitsipas was playing again later against another Italian, **Lorenzo Musetti**, in a match that started near midnight local time.

Musetti rallied past Hyattsville native **Frances Tiafoe**, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3, in another suspended match.

In women's action, two-time defending Rome champion **Iga Swiatek** beat **Donna Vekic**, 6-3, 6-4, and will next face **Elena Rybakina**. Also, **Paula Badosa** got past **Karolina Muchova**, 6-4, 6-7 (7-4), 6-2, to set up a matchup with **Jelena Ostapenko**.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB

1 p.m.	**Pittsburgh at Detroit** » MLB Network
6:30 p.m.	**Washington at Miami** » MASN, WJFK (106.7 FM)
6:30 p.m.	**Los Angeles Angels at Baltimore** » MASN2, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
7 p.m.	**Seattle at Boston** » MLB Network
10 p.m.	**Atlanta at Texas** » MLB Network

NBA

2 p.m.	**NBA draft combine** » ESPN2
8:30 p.m.	**Eastern Conference finals, Game 1: Miami at Boston** » TNT

SOCCER

3 p.m.	**UEFA Champions League semifinal, second leg: Real Madrid at Manchester City** » WUSA (Ch. 9), WJZ (Ch. 13)
7:30 p.m.	**MLS: D.C. United at Philadelphia** » Fox Sports 1, WONK (104.7 FM)

TENNIS

7 a.m.	**ATP/WTA: Italian Open, quarterfinals** » Tennis Channel
1 p.m.	**ATP/WTA: Italian Open, quarterfinals** » Tennis Channel

HOCKEY

9 a.m.	**IIHF World Championship, Group A: Austria at United States** » NHL Network
1 p.m.	**IIHF World Championship, Group B: Kazakhstan at Canada** » NHL Network
7:30 p.m.	**Canadian Hockey League: London vs. Peterborough** » NHL Network

MISC.

Retired Duke coach **Mike Krzyzewski** and one of his best players, **Johnny Dawkins**, are among the newest members of the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame.

The other three inductees announced on social media are former North Carolina star **Tyler Hansbrough**, longtime Division II coach **Herb Magee** and late high school scout **Tom Konchalski**. . . .

Marlene Hagge-Vossler, a Hall of Fame golfer and the last surviving founder of the LPGA Tour, died at age 89, her family said. . . .

Francis Ngannou's reign as one of the top heavyweights in MMA will continue in the Professional Fighters League following the former champion's contentious split with UFC. . . .

Magnus Cort won a wet and cold 10th stage of the Giro d'Italia in Viareggio, Italy, while **Geraint Thomas** kept hold of the pink jersey.

— From news services and staff reports

ANALYSIS

Irvin, a homegrown talent, is an outlier for the Nationals

BY JESSE DOUGHERTY

Once Jake Alu was optioned to the minors Monday, pitcher Jake Irvin again stood as the only player on the Nationals' active roster who was drafted by the team, tying Washington with the Oakland Athletics for the lowest total in the majors. And before Irvin was promoted in early May, the Nationals spent a month of the season without a player they drafted, another sign of how they've struggled to identify and develop young talent in recent years.

The adjacent tables show each team's number of active players it drafted, along with a breakdown of those active players by draft year.

As is often the case, these numbers are not perfect and require additional context. Veterans such as Zack Greinke, Charlie Morton and Andrew McCutchen are each on their second stints with their respective teams, though those teams did draft them in 2002, 2002 and 2005, respectively. Short- or long-term injuries could make teams seem less adept at drafting and developing their own talent by these measurements. For the Nationals, Stephen Strasburg and Cade Cavalli, both first-round picks, would potentially be in the rotation if they weren't on the long-term injured list. And competing clubs will also trade away players they drafted to fill out their rosters, such as when the Nationals sent Lucas Giolito and Dane Dunning (plus Reynaldo López) to the Chicago White Sox for outfielder Adam Eaton in 2016.

Or how they once dealt first-round pick Alex Meyer for Denard Span. Or then-top prospect Jesús Luzardo and Sheldon Neuse (plus Blake Treinen) for Sean Doolittle and Ryan Madson in 2017. In 2019, the year the Nationals won the World Series, they had 17 homegrown players — drafted or signed as amateur international free agents — appear in games. They are trying to get back to that.

But the Nationals' current construction is telling nonetheless. These ancillary factors can't sway the totals in each table to the point of completely shifting a team's narrative.

Irvin, a right-handed starter, was their fourth-round pick in 2018. Alu, a bat-first utility man, was a 24th-round pick in 2019, making his climb both a drafting and player development win. Since Washington is rebuilding, there are more opportunities for homegrown players than there might have been in 2018, 2019 or 2020. The options, though, have been limited for a variety for reasons, among them misses in the draft, misses in the international market and a player development operation that was slow to adapt to modern practices and underfunded before 2022.

In all, the Nationals have two homegrown players on their active roster: Irvin and Luis García, who was signed as an amateur free agent out of the Dominican Republic in 2016. Victor Robles, also signed out of the DR, is on the 10-day IL with back spasms. So the Nationals are tied with the San Diego Padres for the lowest number of homegrown players in the majors. They do, however, have seven active players they traded for and potentially more on the way.

The Nationals have long known they had to replenish their minor league system after an nine-year run of contention. That was a main reason they sold big at back-to-back trade deadlines. In the bottom table, you can see that the 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 drafts have been fruitful for many clubs, with the 2017 draft producing 39 active players.

For reference, the Nationals' first five picks in 2017 were right-handed pitcher Seth Romero (first round), right-handed pitcher Wil Crowe (second), left-handed pitcher Nick Raquet (third), second baseman Cole Freeman (fourth) and right-handed pitcher Brigham Hill (fifth).

Romero was released by Washington this past winter after his second DWI arrest. Crowe, now with the Pittsburgh Pirates and on the 60-day IL, was part of the trade that landed first baseman Josh Bell. Kyle Johnston, the Nationals' sixth-round pick in 2017, netted reliever Daniel Hudson at the 2019 deadline, which worked out quite well in the end.

The Nationals can't redo those years, even if they could still get players from them. (Jackson Rutledge, their first-round pick in 2019, is thriving as a starter for the Class AA Harrisburg Senators.) But what they can do is improve their results with the 2020, 2021 and 2022 classes, then maximize their chances to add talent this summer.

Washington holds the second pick in July's draft. A lot rides on getting it right. Much also rides, though, on the other 19 rounds.

"This pick will be something that changes us really quick," Manager Dave Martinez said Monday of the No. 2 selection. "Within one or two years."

Nats hold Mets to no homers

The Nationals allowed zero homers to the New York Mets over the weekend (plus Monday). Zero! Pete Alonso, leading the majors in home runs with 13, has not left the yard in seven games against Washington.

According to MLB.com, it had been almost a decade since the Mets had not homered in a four-game series. The last time it happened? The Nationals, of course. And who pitched for the Nationals in that series? Gio Gonzalez, Jordan Zimmermann, Dan Haren and Tanner Roark. Washington won all four games.

Willingham is one to watch

Amos Willingham, a 24-year-old reliever, is making his way in the Nationals' system. A 17th-round pick out of Georgia Tech in 2019, Willingham was promoted from Harrisburg to the Class AAA Rochester Red Wings on Sunday.

In his first appearance with Rochester, he recorded four outs, walked a batter and consistently threw his four-seam fastball between 94 and 96 mph. Stark velocity gains have been the most intriguing part of Willingham's rise. From 2021 to 2022, he jumped from averaging 91 mph to 94. This season, he's mostly sitting 95 with signs that he could reach the high 90s in high-leverage spots. He has become an arm to watch.



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Starting pitcher Jake Irvin, selected in the fourth round in 2018, is the Nationals' only active player who was drafted by the team.

Number of active players drafted by their current teams

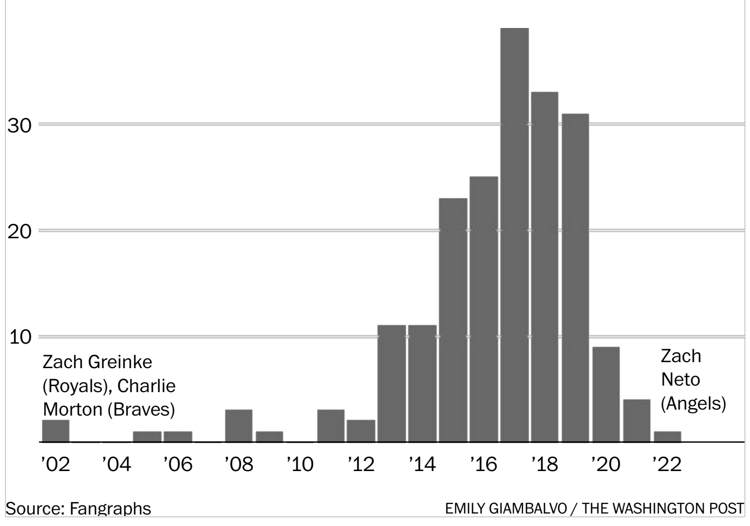
TEAM	PLAYERS
St. Louis Cardinals	12
Houston Astros, Cleveland Guardians	11
Kansas City Royals, Minnesota Twins, Colorado Rockies	10
Arizona Diamondbacks, Baltimore Orioles, Cincinnati Reds	9
Chicago White Sox, Los Angeles Angels	8
Atlanta Braves, New York Mets, Toronto Blue Jays	7
Chicago Cubs, Los Angeles Dodgers, New York Yankees, Philadelphia Phillies, San Francisco Giants, Texas Rangers	6
Detroit Tigers, Milwaukee Brewers, Pittsburgh Pirates, Miami Marlins, Tampa Bay Rays	5
Seattle Mariners	4
Boston Red Sox	3
San Diego Padres	2
Oakland Athletics, Washington Nationals	1

Data as of the morning of May 16

Source: Fangraphs EMILY GIAMBALVO / THE WASHINGTON POST

Which drafts are feeding active MLB rosters?

A breakdown of the active players who were drafted by their current clubs, divvied up by draft year to show which drafts have been particularly fruitful for rosters as of Tuesday morning.



Source: Fangraphs EMILY GIAMBALVO / THE WASHINGTON POST

McIlroy aims to end his major drought

PGA FROM D1

with no chance.

What a relief, even if the relief winks.

In golf, there's always a chance that — in reverse chronological order — a dismal tie for 47th at Quail Hollow this month in Charlotte (where he had won twice and been in the top 10 five other times), a withdrawal from the Heritage that cost him $3 million under the PGA Tour's new rules he helped spearhead, an even more dismal cut at the Masters and a dismal cut from the Players could prove so much better than say, winning the Canadian Open by seven shots (as happened the week before the 2019 U.S. Open, in which he finished tied for ninth).

While his remarks to reporters Tuesday morning in Rochester didn't seem hopeless, they felt muted far more than his remarks before the Masters or most any other place.

"Less expectations," he said of his mental approach. "Just sort of trying to sort of be in a good spot with taking what comes and not thinking about things too much, not getting ahead of myself. Just trying to go out there, play a good first hole of the tournament, and then once I do that, try to play a good second hole and just go from there."

Another time, he paused some at the beginning, and said: "Golf is golf, and it happens, and you're going to have bad days. I don't feel like the — it wasn't really the performance of Augusta that's hard to get over, it's more the — it's the mental aspect and the deflation of it and sort of trying to get your mind in the right place to start going forward again, I guess."

He noted that Oak Hill, holding its seventh major championship, would require "discipline" above all else.

Tucked into it all, he pivoted from the stresses of the spokesman role he took on as the moneyed LIV Golf Series took life, in two comments that figure to have healthy shelf lives.

Asked what he foresees in the sport, he said, "I don't have a crystal ball."

Follow question: "You don't want to speculate?"

Follow answer: "No."

That had to rank among the shorter answers in a career of commendable answers, rivaled later in the session by his reply to the question, "Is it going to be a conscious thing for you going forward to try and sidestep that narrative?"

Answer, without spite: "Yep."

"I feel for him," two-time U.S. Open champion and commentator Curtis Strange said last week in an ESPN conference call with reporters, "because I think — I really, truly believe this — this LIV conversation the last year and a half, maybe two years, with him being somewhat of the voice and being involved in the schedule and the meetings and the phone calls, I think it's taken a lot away from his golf. . . . 'Exhausted' is the wrong word, but it's fatigued him a bit. When you leave this game just a little bit focus-wise, it will affect you."

Strange soon said: "Thank goodness for Rory McIlroy and the people that take the responsibility to be on the board and have a voice and put their time and energy in that, because we need those players. We have to have those players, and we happen to have one who's one of the best players in the world, which brings credibility to the board and brings weight and their voice carries weight. So thank goodness for people like that, but unfortunately it does weigh on them a little bit."

Of course, that weighing didn't halt three wins in the 2021-22 season, including the Tour Championship, and $8,654,566 in on-course earnings, for a great player whose totals in the major-less seasons since Louisville would be 14 wins and $48,118,959. Those numbers help fuel the bafflement of the whole nine years, the whole 0-for-32 of it, for a player of such unusual quality.

Meanwhile, his world ranking still shines from No. 3.

Meanwhile again, the bafflement blurs the hope about the fact that two of the next five majors will happen at places McIlroy won majors — Royal Liverpool in England and Valhalla in Louisville — because so did the 2021 PGA Championship. (It was in Kiawah Island, S.C. He finished tied for 49th.)

For a bonus of hopelessness for this 33rd major, there came an issue with McIlroy's gorgeous and revered swing, a matter noticed through television by that brightest of observers, an Eldrick T. Woods of Florida, as reported by Eamon Lynch of Golf Channel. Tiger Woods will miss this major but could influence it via McIlroy, even if such a thought dabbles in unwanted hope.

"Yeah," McIlroy said, "just club getting a little bit out of position at the top and then sort of the sequence of events that follow from there. Club face was getting a bit too open on the way back, really struggling to square it on the way down, and then sort of re-closure was getting a little too fast, throwing my hands on it, and sort of started to get the miss going both ways, especially at Quail Hollow. So trying to sort of tighten the start lines up a little bit, keep a little bit more strength in the club face, feel a little bit more squareness through the swing. That's sort of what I've been working on over the last week or so."

At one point, he said, "I think I'm close."

Oh no.



KEVIN C. COX/GETTY IMAGES

Rory McIlroy, still a fan favorite, will try to regain top major form after missing the cut at the Masters, the one major he hasn't won.

Harvey can't hold lead in ninth for Nats

NATIONALS FROM D2

Luis Arráez before Jorge Soler hit a two-run walk-off homer. The blast sent LoanDepot Park into a frenzy. It sent the Nationals walking off the field with a 5-4 loss Tuesday night.

"These are the nights that suck," Harvey said. "But it's just another day. We'll come back tomorrow and do it again."

The loss was particularly deflating because of how the Nationals (18-24) had rallied in the eighth inning. Luis García hustled to beat out an infield single with one out. García stole second while Joey Meneses walked, then García advanced to third on a throwing error by Miami catcher Nick Fortes.

Jeimer Candelario then smacked a first-pitch change-up into right field to tie the game at 2 before Dominic Smith hit a go-ahead two-run single three batters later to make it 4-2. Both provided the spark in the middle of the order Tuesday that Washington expected when the team signed them this offseason.

Candelario, 29, led the major leagues in doubles in 2021. Smith, 27, had his best year in the pandemic-shortened 2020 season but hadn't had the consistent playing time to produce in a full season. And both had struggled to provide the power that the Nationals have desperately needed.

But the two provided the offense that Washington needed Tuesday night. Before their heroics, the Nationals' only offense came via Lane Thomas's home run in the sixth inning to trim Miami's lead to 2-1.

The Nationals stayed within striking distance thanks to a strong performance from Josiah Gray. Gray finished seven innings for the second straight start, though he didn't have his best stuff against the Marlins.

He started by tossing a 10-pitch first inning; every pitch he threw was a strike. But in the second inning, Gray loaded the bases thanks to a pair of singles and a four-pitch walk.

Gray threw what could've been a double play in the ensuing at-bat. But CJ Abrams's throw carried Gray away from first base. Gray caught the ball but ran into Joey Wendle and fell. The ball slipped out of his glove, allowing a second run to score and the Marlins (21-21) to grab a 2-0 lead.

Gray was able to work through the next few innings without any trouble until the seventh, when he had runners on second and third. He struck out Cooper, then intentionally walked Arráez to set up a bases-loaded matchup with Soler, who grounded out to shortstop.

"I know I didn't have my best stuff tonight," Gray said. "Just wanted to work with the defense a little bit more tonight, getting some more groundballs, getting some early contact allowed me to get through seven innings. . . . Being able to get through seven is a positive."

All three Miami hitters would get one more chance in the ninth. And even though Manager Dave Martinez liked Kyle Finnegan and Harvey matched up against the hitters they faced, Soler saw a poorly located fastball from Harvey and didn't miss.

"These guys played really well tonight," Martinez said. "Josiah pitched really well, got out of a jam. We came back and scored some runs. . . . You get into the eighth and ninth inning with your two best guys out there. It just didn't happen tonight."



MEGAN BRIGGS/GETTY IMAGES

Jorge Soler beats Washington with a home run in the ninth.

NATIONALS ON DECK

at Miami Marlins		
Today	6:40	MASN
Tomorrow	1:10	MASN
vs. Detroit Tigers		
Friday	7:05	MASN
Saturday	4:05	MASN2
Sunday	1:35	MASN2
vs. San Diego Padres		
Tuesday	7:05	MASN2
May 24	7:05	MASN2
May 25	4:05	MASN2

Radio: WJFK (106.7 FM)

Kuhl injury status

Martinez said Chad Kuhl "felt good" after throwing 65 pitches in a simulated game Sunday afternoon. Martinez said he's unsure whether Kuhl, who has right foot metatarsalgia, will go on a rehab start or continue to throw with the big league team; Martinez said he'll sit down with pitching coach Jim Hickey and General Manager Mike Rizzo before determining the next steps.

Martinez did say before Monday's game that Jake Irvin, who replaced Kuhl in the rotation, will make his next scheduled start Friday.

Minor league updates

Cole Henry, a second-round pick in 2020, made his season debut Tuesday in a rehab assignment with Class A Fredericksburg. He threw three innings and struck out five, allowing one hit. The right-hander is coming off surgery for thoracic outlet syndrome that ended his 2022 season early. . . .

Carter Kieboom returned to Class AAA Rochester's lineup Monday after missing almost a week with what Martinez called right lat soreness. Kieboom, a 2016 first-round pick, was recently activated from the 10-day injured list following rehab from a right shoulder impingement. Before that, he missed all of last season after Tommy John surgery. . . .

Catcher Kevin Plawecki opted out of his contract with Rochester, according to a person familiar with the situation. He's now free to sign with any team. Plawecki, 32, signed a minor league deal with the Nationals on April 3 as organizational depth at catcher after Israel Pineda was sidelined with a right pinkie fracture. He hit .256 with one home run and six RBI in 24 games in Rochester.

Sánchez retires

Aníbal Sánchez announced his retirement Monday on Instagram after playing for four teams over 16 seasons. The 39-year-old right-hander spent three seasons in Washington, including last year when he made 14 starts. Most notably, he pitched 7⅔ no-hit innings in Game 1 of the 2019 National League Championship Series against the St. Louis Cardinals.

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Atlanta	26	16	.619	—	4-6	L-1
Miami	21	21	.500	5	5-5	W-2
x-Philadelphia	20	21	.488	5½	5-5	L-2
New York	20	23	.465	6½	3-7	L-2
Washington	18	24	.429	8	5-5	L-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	24	18	.571	—	6-4	W-1
Pittsburgh	22	20	.524	2	2-8	L-1
Chicago	19	23	.452	5	3-7	L-4
Cincinnati	19	23	.452	5	6-4	W-1
St. Louis	17	26	.395	7½	7-3	L-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Los Angeles	27	15	.643	—	8-2	W-6
x-Arizona	24	18	.571	3	6-4	W-4
x-San Diego	20	22	.476	7	3-7	W-1
x-San Francisco	18	23	.439	8½	4-6	W-1
Colorado	18	25	.419	9½	6-4	L-1

x-Late game

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Tampa Bay	32	11	.744	—	5-5	W-2
Baltimore	27	15	.643	4½	5-5	W-1
Toronto	24	18	.571	7½	6-4	L-2
New York	25	19	.568	7½	7-3	W-2
Boston	23	20	.535	9	4-6	W-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Minnesota	23	19	.548	—	5-5	L-1
Detroit	19	21	.475	3	6-4	W-2
Cleveland	19	22	.463	3½	5-5	L-1
Chicago	15	28	.349	8½	4-6	W-1
x-Kansas City	12	31	.279	11½	4-6	L-4

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Texas	26	16	.619	—	7-3	W-1
Houston	23	19	.548	3	6-4	W-3
Los Angeles	22	21	.512	4½	3-7	L-1
Seattle	21	21	.500	5	6-4	L-1
x-Oakland	9	34	.209	17½	2-8	L-3

x-Late game

Baysox to bid Snyder good riddance with Harris promotion

BY SCOTT ALLEN

The Bowie Baysox will toast the impending sale of their Prince George's County neighbors to a group of investors led by Josh Harris with a Washington Commanders ownership change celebration Thursday during their game against the Altoona Curve.

As part of the festivities, all fans wearing Washington football team gear may purchase box seats for half-price ($10), while supplies last. In addition, all fans with the first or last name Josh or Harris and anyone wearing a Magic Johnson jersey will receive a free general admission ticket. Johnson, the Los Angeles Lakers Hall of Famer, is a partner in Harris's group, which on Friday completed a signed agreement to purchase the Commanders from Daniel Snyder — much to the delight of the team's downtrodden fan base.

Baysox General Manager Brian Shallcross said his front office team had been discussing for several weeks ways to celebrate the sale, which still must be approved by the NFL finance committee and ratified by the league's franchise owners.

"We didn't want to do anything until that type of agreement was in place," Shallcross said in a phone interview. "We didn't want to jump the gun."

Shallcross, the GM of the Baltimore Orioles' Class AA affiliate since 2004, said his team's original idea was to throw a Snyder retirement party.



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The Bowie Baysox are having a promotion Thursday to celebrate the change in the Commanders' ownership from Daniel Snyder to Josh Harris, above.

"Ultimately we decided we just didn't want to acknowledge Dan that much," he said of the Commanders' reviled owner, who bought the team in 1999. "We wanted the promotion to be positive and forward-looking. . . . It's hard to find somebody that has positive things to say about the organization and the ownership, so we just thought it was the right time for a celebration."

The Baysox play their home games at Prince George's Stadium, which is roughly 10 miles from FedEx Field.

"The Commanders are our next-door neighbor, and I think minor league baseball is about community, first and foremost," Shallcross said. "Minor league baseball has a long history of not taking itself too seriously."

(For one game in 2016, the Baysox changed the pronunciation of their name from *Boo-ee* to *Boh-ee* in honor of rock musician David Bowie, who died earlier that year. The previous season, they held a back hair appreciation night.)

In addition to the ticket promotions for Thursday's game, a fan named Josh, a fan named Harris and a fan wearing a Magic Johnson jersey will throw ceremonial first pitches. Between innings, the Baysox will take a tongue-in-cheek look back at the Commanders' past 24 years, and Shallcross suggested Snyder's bizarre "Happy Thanksgiving" greeting at the January 2020 news conference to introduce Ron Rivera as coach might be featured. Cake will be served to bolster the party atmosphere.

Shallcross grew up a Philadelphia Eagles fan, but now he cheers for the Buffalo Bills because they're coached by his former roommate at William & Mary, Sean McDermott. Still, he sympathizes with Commanders supporters. In 2012, the Baysox appealed to some of those fans by announcing that Snyder's former right-hand man, Vinny Cerrato, would appear in a dunk tank at the team's annual football kickoff celebration to raise money for charity. Cerrato ultimately backed out.

"We talked about having a dunk tank with someone named Dan, and we just thought it was a step too far," Shallcross said of the ideas his team considered for this week's celebration. "There's so much toxic that you could dive into, but ultimately we wanted to make it more of a celebration for the Commanders fans who have been waiting for this day. . . . We're in the business of making people laugh and smile, and hopefully this Thursday people will come laugh and smile."

Marlins 5, Nationals 4

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Thomas rf	5	1	1	1	0	4	.282
García 2b	5	1	1	0	0	1	.268
Meneses dh	3	0	0	0	1	0	.295
Chavis pr-dh	0	1	0	0	0	0	.250
Candelario 3b	3	1	3	1	1	0	.234
Ruiz c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.235
Call cf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.230
Smith 1b	4	0	2	2	0	1	.278
S.Garrett lf	3	0	0	0	1	3	.243
Abrams ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.250
TOTALS	34	4	8	4	4	12	—

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Hampson cf	5	0	1	0	0	1	.257
Cooper 1b	4	1	1	0	1	1	.280
Arraez 2b	4	0	2	1	1	0	.386
Berti pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	.271
Soler dh	5	1	1	2	0	0	.238
De La Cruz lf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.287
Segura 3b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.200
Burdick rf	4	1	1	0	0	3	.208
Fortes c	3	0	1	0	1	0	.195
Wendle ss	4	0	1	1	0	1	.125
TOTALS	37	5	12	4	3	7	—

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Two outs when winning run scored. **E:** Gray (2), Fortes (5). **LOB:** Washington 7, Miami 9. **2B:** Call (6), Candelario (10), Arraez (8), Hampson (9), Cooper (4). **HR:** Thomas (5), off Luzardo; Soler (10), off Harvey. **RBI:** Thomas (19), Candelario (15), Smith 2 (12), Wendle (3), Arraez (15), Soler 2 (22). **SB:** Wendle (1), Berti (7).

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gray	7	7	2	1	3	5	2.73
Finnegan	1	2	0	0	0	1	5.87
Harvey	⅔	3	3	3	0	1	3.32

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Luzardo	6	5	1	1	1	7	3.16
Scott	1	0	0	0	1	2	4.66
Brazoban	⅓	2	3	3	1	1	3.04
Okert	⅔	1	0	0	1	1	2.45
Nardi	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.93

WP: Nardi (3-1); **LP:** Harvey (2-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Okert 2-2. **IBB:** off Gray (Arraez). **T:** 2:35. **A:** 8,811 (37,446).

HOW THEY SCORED

MARLINS SECOND
Bryan De La Cruz grounds out. Jean Segura singles. Peyton Burdick singles Segura to second. Nick Fortes walks. Burdick to second. Segura to third. **Joey Wendle reaches on a fielder's choice, Fortes out at second, Burdick scores, Segura scores, fielding error by Josiah Gray.** Garrett Hampson pops out.
Marlins 2, Nationals 0

NATIONALS SIXTH
Lane Thomas homers. Luis Garcia flies out. Joey Meneses pops out. Jeimer Candelario doubles. Keibert Ruiz flies out.
Marlins 2, Nationals 1

NATIONALS EIGHTH
Thomas called out on strikes. Garcia singles. Meneses walks. Garcia to third. Throwing error by Nick Fortes. **Candelario singles, Meneses to second, Garcia scores.** Ruiz pops out. Alex Call walks. Candelario to second. Michael Chavis to third. **Dominic Smith singles, Call to third, Candelario scores, Chavis scores.** Stone Garrett strikes out swinging.
Nationals 4, Marlins 2

MARLINS NINTH
Wendle flies out. Hampson strikes out on a foul tip. Garrett Cooper doubles. **Luis Arraez singles, Garrett Cooper scores. Jorge Soler homers to center field, Jon Berti scores.**
Marlins 5, Nationals 4

NL leaders

Entering Tuesday's games.

BATTING

Arraez, Mia	.382
Acuña Jr., Atl	.344
Goldschmidt, StL	.319
Nimmo, NY	.316
Estrada, SF	.310
Gurriel Jr., Ari	.309
Castellanos, Phi	.308
Friedl, Cin	.306

HOME RUNS

Alonso, NY	13
Wisdom, Chi	12
Muncy, LA	12
Olson, Atl	11
Gorman, StL	10
Tellez, Mil	10
Albies, Atl	10
6 tied	9

RBI

Gorman, StL	33
Murphy, Atl	32
Bohm, Phi	31
Alonso, NY	31
Lindor, NY	31
Olson, Atl	30
Albies, Atl	30
Arenado, StL	30

ERA

Cobb, SF	1.70
Steele, Chi	1.82
Elder, Atl	1.94
Gallen, Ari	2.36
Kershaw, LA	2.36
Keller, Pit	2.38
Strider, Atl	2.51

SAVES

Hader, SD	11
Bednar, Pit	9
Doval, SF	9
Díaz, Cin	9
Finnegan, Was	8
4 tied	7

STRIKEOUTS

Strider, Atl	79
Gallen, Ari	70
Keller, Pit	69
Greene, Cin	59
Webb, SF	58
Kershaw, LA	56
Kelly, Ari	55

AL leaders

Entering Tuesday's games.

BATTING

Bichette, Tor	.324
Díaz, TB	.321
Arozarena, TB	.320
Heim, Tex	.315
Chapman, Tor	.315
Guerrero Jr., Tor	.314
Rizzo, NY	.308

HOME RUNS

Rooker, Oak	11
Robert Jr., Chi	11
Devers, Bos	11
Judge, NY	10
Díaz, TB	10
Arozarena, TB	10
García, Tex	10
Renfroe, LA	10

RBI

García, Tex	42
Devers, Bos	38
Alvarez, Hou	37
Arozarena, TB	35
Semien, Tex	34
Mullins, Bal	32
Heim, Tex	30
3 tied	29

ERA

Gray, Min	1.39
Rodriguez, Det	1.57
Ryan, Min	2.16
Cole, NY	2.22
McClanahan, TB	2.34
Kirby, Sea	2.46
Bieber, Cle	2.61

SAVES

Clase, Cle	14
Bautista, Bal	10
Romano, Tor	10
3 tied	9

STRIKEOUTS

Ohtani, LA	71
Gausman, Tor	67
Valdez, Hou	65
Cole, NY	62
López, Min	62
McClanahan, TB	61
Ryan, Min	57
Eovaldi, Tex	56
Giolito, Chi	56
Gray, Min	56

Tigers 4, Pirates 0

Michael Lorenzen had a season-high seven strikeouts over six innings and Spencer Torkelson doubled twice as Detroit beat slumping Pittsburgh.

Lorenzen allowed five hits and two walks and has allowed just two runs in his past three starts.

The Pirates, who were shut out for the second time in three games, have lost 12 of 14 games while scoring just 22 runs.

PIRATES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
McCutchen dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.246
Reynolds lf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.286
Santana 1b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.241
Suwinski cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.226
Hayes 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.235
Marcano ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.259
Bae 2b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.239
Palacios rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.000
Delay c	3	0	1	0	0	2	.339
TOTALS	31	0	5	0	2	12	—

TIGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
McKinstry rf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.275
Greene cf	4	1	3	0	0	0	.291
Báez ss	4	1	1	1	0	1	.254
Torkelson 1b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.238
Maton 3b	2	0	0	0	2	1	.150
Baddoo lf	3	1	1	0	1	1	.244
Cabrera dh	3	0	1	0	1	2	.189
Ibáñez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.271
Haase c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.272
TOTALS	31	4	10	2	5	7	—

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E: Ortiz (1). **LOB:** Pittsburgh 6, Detroit 8. **2B:** Santana (12), Greene (6), Torkelson 2 (10).

PIRATES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ortiz	3	7	4	3	4	3	5.62
Ramirez	2⅓	2	0	0	0	4	1.46
Underwood Jr.	2⅔	1	0	0	1	0	4.71

TIGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lorenzen	6	5	0	0	2	7	3.44
Vest	2	0	0	0	0	3	1.42
Cisnero	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.93

WP: Lorenzen (2-2); **LP:** Ortiz (0-2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Ramirez 2-0, Underwood Jr. 2-0. **WP:** Ortiz. **T:** 2:14. **A:** 16,484 (41,083).

Red Sox 9, Mariners 4

Masataka Yoshida doubled, tripled, drove in three runs and scored on a wild pitch as Boston ended a four-game losing streak.

Justin Turner, Triston Casas and Jarren Duran homered for the Red Sox, who were swept by the last-place Cardinals and lost the opener to Seattle.

MARINERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Crawford ss	4	0	0	0	1	1	.240
France 1b	5	0	1	0	0	0	.275
Ju.Rodríguez cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.217
Kelenic lf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.283
Suárez 3b	2	1	1	0	2	0	.229
Raleigh c	3	1	1	0	1	1	.230
T.Hernández rf	4	1	2	2	0	0	.242
Trammell dh	2	1	1	2	0	1	.160
Pollock ph-dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.158
K.Wong 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.177
TOTALS	34	4	8	4	4	8	—

RED SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Verdugo rf	4	3	2	0	1	0	.303
Yoshida lf	5	2	2	3	0	0	.301
Turner dh	5	1	2	2	0	0	.269
Devers 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.255
Duran cf	4	1	2	2	0	2	.351
Casas 1b	3	1	1	1	1	1	.189
Valdez 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.278
McGuire c	4	1	1	0	0	1	.290
Reyes ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.429
TOTALS	36	9	11	8	3	7	—

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E: K.Wong (2). **LOB:** Seattle 7, Boston 6. **2B:** K.Wong (3), France (13), Verdugo (14), Yoshida (8). **3B:** T.Hernández (1), Yoshida (1). **HR:** Trammell (3), off Pivetta; Turner (4), off Castillo; Casas (6), off Castillo; Duran (3), off Castillo.

MARINERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Castillo	5	6	7	5	2	6	3.31
Saucedo	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Sewald	⅔	2	1	1	1	0	3.66
Then	1⅓	3	1	1	0	1	1.59

RED SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pivetta	5⅓	6	4	4	4	6	6.30
Sherriff	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Winckowski	1⅔	2	0	0	0	1	2.39
Garza	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

WP: Pivetta (3-3); **LP:** Castillo (2-2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Then 2-0. **WP:** Castillo, Winckowski. **T:** 2:40. **A:** 31,476 (37,755).

Rays 8, Mets 5

Isaac Paredes homered twice and drove in five runs, ruining Justin Verlander's home debut as Tampa Bay improved the best record in baseball to 32-11.

Harold Ramírez had two RBI singles among his three hits for the Rays.

RAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Ramírez 1b	5	1	3	2	0	0	.324
Walls 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.281
Franco ss	4	1	0	0	1	0	.293
B.Lowe 2b	5	0	2	0	0	2	.197
Arozarena lf	4	1	0	0	1	0	.312
Paredes 3b-1b	3	2	2	5	1	0	.289
J.Lowe dh	4	0	0	0	1	1	.296
Margot rf	5	0	1	0	0	1	.242
Bethancourt c	4	1	1	0	0	1	.228
Siri cf	3	2	1	1	1	1	.224
TOTALS	37	8	10	8	5	6	—

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.308
Lindor ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.224
McNeil 2b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.276
Alonso 1b	4	2	1	2	0	0	.233
Pham dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.188
Vogelbach ph-dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Escobar ph	1	1	1	2	0	0	.211
Marte rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.236
Baty 3b	3	1	1	1	1	1	.244
Canha lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.231
Álvarez c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.216
TOTALS	33	5	6	5	1	7	—

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LOB: Tampa Bay 8, New York 2. **2B:** Bethancourt (6), B.Lowe (4). **HR:** Paredes 2 (6), off Verlander; Siri (5), off Leone; Baty (3), off Chirinos; Alonso (14), off Chirinos; Escobar (4), off Diekman.

RAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Beeks	2	1	0	0	0	2	4.91
Chirinos	4⅔	3	3	3	1	2	2.79
Thompson	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	5.54
Littell	1	0	0	0	0	3	0.00
Diekman	1	2	2	2	0	0	9.00

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Verlander	5	8	6	6	2	3	4.76
Leone	1	1	1	1	0	1	5.40
Walker	1	0	0	0	2	0	0.00
Smith	1	1	1	1	1	1	2.35
Ottavino	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.81

WP: Chirinos (2-1); **LP:** Verlander (1-2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Thompson 1-0. **HBP:** Ottavino (Paredes). **WP:** Verlander. **T:** 2:49. **A:** 28,296 (42,136).

Orioles 7, Angels 3

ANGELS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Moniak rf	3	1	1	1	0	0	.455
Renfroe ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Trout cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.274
Ohtani dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.296
Ward lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.244
Thaiss c	4	1	2	0	0	1	.302
Drury 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.227
Urshela 3b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.295
Rengifo 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.204
Neto ss	3	0	1	1	0	1	.242
TOTALS	35	3	8	3	0	8	—

ORIOLES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Mullins cf	4	0	0	1	0	1	.260
Rutschman c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.285
Santander 1b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.255
Hays lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.299
Henderson 3b	3	1	1	0	1	2	.184
Frazier 2b	3	1	0	0	0	1	.221
Vavra rf	2	1	1	1	0	0	.233
McKenna ph-rf	2	1	1	0	0	0	.317
Mateo ss	3	1	1	2	0	2	.261
O'Hearn dh	1	1	1	1	0	0	.240
Mountcastle ph-dh	2	1	2	2	0	0	.253
TOTALS	32	7	9	7	1	12	—

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E: Thaiss (5). **LOB:** Los Angeles 5, Baltimore 4. **2B:** Urshela (5), Henderson (5), Mountcastle (11), McKenna (4). **HR:** Moniak (2), off Kremer; O'Hearn (1), off Silseth; Mountcastle (9), off Wantz. **RBI:** Moniak (2), Neto (13), Urshela (17), O'Hearn (7), Vavra (1), Mateo 2 (22), Mullins (33), Mountcastle 2 (29). **SF:** Mateo.

ANGELS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Silseth	3⅓	6	4	4	1	5	5.40
Davidson	1⅔	2	2	2	0	4	6.05
Wantz	2	1	1	1	0	2	2.89
Herget	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.91

ORIOLES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kremer	5⅔	6	3	3	0	4	4.94
Baker	⅓	2	0	0	0	1	1.77
Pérez	2	0	0	0	0	2	3.78
Cano	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00

WP: Kremer (5-1); **LP:** Silseth (0-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Davidson 1-1, Wantz 2-2, Baker 1-1. **HBP:** Davidson (Frazier). **WP:** Silseth, Kremer. **T:** 2:35. **A:** 13,244 (45,971).

ORIOLES' LEADERS

Entering Wednesday's game.

Batters	Avg	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB
McKenna	.317	41	9	13	1	6	1
Hays	.299	134	20	40	4	13	9
Rutschman	.285	151	21	43	6	22	32
Urías	.278	97	12	27	1	16	11
Mateo	.261	115	25	30	6	22	8
Mullins	.260	154	20	40	6	33	21
Santander	.255	149	17	38	6	22	14

Mountcastle, O'Hearn homer to power O's

ORIOLES 7, ANGELS 3

BY HAYES GARDNER

BALTIMORE — Ryan Mountcastle wasn't in the starting lineup Tuesday, but Baltimore Orioles Manager Brandon Hyde said before the game he was simply giving the slugger some rest. "I'm sure he'll be in the game at some point," Hyde said.

Mountcastle not only got into the game against the Los Angeles Angels, he tallied six bases in his two plate appearances, including a 433-foot, two-run moon shot in the sixth inning of Baltimore's 7-3 win.

It was the second homer from a Ryan hitting in the No. 9 spot, as lefty Ryan O'Hearn went deep in the second inning, his lone at-bat. Once Los Angeles replaced right-handed starter Chase Silseth with left-handed reliever Tucker Davidson in the fourth, Mountcastle entered the game and left his mark.

O'Hearn's blast was his first MLB home run in more than a year. "Got the monkey off my back a little bit," the first-year Oriole said.

Baltimore starter Dean Kremer allowed a leadoff homer to Mickey Moniak but settled down and retired nine straight batters at one point. The right-hander allowed three runs on six hits with no walks in 5⅔ innings, striking out four.

"After that first inning, I thought the pitch mix was fantastic," Hyde said.

Neither Shohei Ohtani nor Mike Trout got on base for the Angels. It was only the second time this season that has happened in a game in which they both batted at least four times.

Asked what the key is to getting Ohtani out, Kremer joked: "That's kind of a secret."

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Yankees 6, Blue Jays 3

Aaron Judge's two-run homer broke a tie — and a large maple leaf on a sign in center field — lifting New York past Toronto after Yankees starter Domingo Germán was ejected for having an illegal substance on his pitching hand.

YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Torres 2b	4	0	2	2	0	0	.257
Judge dh	5	1	1	2	0	3	.270
Bader cf	4	0	0	1	0	2	.304
LeMahieu 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.275
Bauers lf	2	0	0	0	2	2	.233
Higashioka c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.211
Volpe ss	3	0	0	0	1	2	.213
Cabrera rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.210
Kiner-Falefa 3b	3	3	2	1	1	1	.200
Trevino c	3	1	3	0	0	0	.228
Hicks pr-lf	1	1	0	0	0	0	.159
TOTALS	33	6	9	6	4	11	—

BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Springer dh	4	1	2	0	1	0	.226
Bichette ss	4	1	1	1	1	0	.322
Guerrero Jr. 1b	4	0	1	1	0	2	.312
Lukes rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Espinal ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.172
Varsho lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.216
Chapman 3b	3	0	2	0	1	1	.322
Merrifield 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.271
Jansen c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.185
Biggio rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.131
Belt ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.242
Kiermaier cf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.327
TOTALS	36	3	9	3	3	6	—

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E: Volpe (5). **LOB:** New York 5, Toronto 9. **2B:** LeMahieu (8), Kiner-Falefa (3), Bichette (10), Jansen (5). **HR:** Kiner-Falefa (1), off Gausman; Judge (11), off Swanson; Kiermaier (3), off Marinaccio.

YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Germán	3	0	0	0	0	2	3.75
Hamilton	⅔	1	0	0	2	2	1.23
Marinaccio	1	4	3	3	0	1	4.74
Weber	2⅓	3	0	0	0	0	5.06
Holmes	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.86
Peralta	1	0	0	0	1	0	1.65

BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gausman	7	5	3	2	2	10	3.27
Swanson	1	3	2	2	2	0	2.11
Bass	1	1	1	1	0	1	6.23

WP: Weber (1-0); **LP:** Swanson (2-2); **S:** Peralta (3). **Inherited runners-scored:** Marinaccio 3-0, Weber 1-0. **PB:** Jansen (1). **T:** 3:02. **A:** 35,112 (49,282).

Rangers 7, Braves 4

Adolis García extended his MLB-leading RBI total to 44 with a two-run homer and Dane Dunning was solid again while filling the rotation spot of injured ace Jacob deGrom as Texas sent Atlanta to its fifth loss in six games in a clash of division leaders.

BRAVES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Acuña Jr. rf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.348
Olson 1b	3	1	2	0	0	0	.236
Murphy c	4	1	1	2	0	2	.268
Riley 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.239
Rosario dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Albies 2b	3	1	1	0	0	2	.265
Harris II cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.206
Arcia ss	4	0	2	1	0	0	.342
Hilliard lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.258
Pillar ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.270
TOTALS	34	4	8	4	0	6	—

RANGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.296
Grossman lf	4	1	2	1	0	1	.252
Lowe 1b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.265
García rf	3	2	1	2	1	1	.252
Jung 3b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.250
Heim c	4	0	1	1	0	0	.313
Duran ss	4	1	1	1	0	0	.292
Huff dh	3	0	0	0	0	2	.200
J.Smith ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.209
Taveras cf	2	1	1	0	1	0	.297
TOTALS	32	7	10	7	3	5	—

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E: Murphy (2). **LOB:** Atlanta 5, Texas 4. **2B:** Arcia (7), Lowe (13). **HR:** Acuña Jr. (10), off Hernández; Murphy (10), off Hernández; García (11), off Shuster; Duran (6), off Jiménez.

BRAVES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Shuster	5	3	3	3	2	3	7.24
Lee	1⅓	6	3	2	1	1	3.10
Jiménez	1⅔	1	1	1	0	1	4.50

RANGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Dunning	6	6	1	1	0	4	1.69
King	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Hernández	0	2	3	3	0	0	5.62
Sborz	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.45
W.Smith	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.93

WP: Dunning (4-0); **LP:** Shuster (0-2); **S:** W.Smith (8). Hernández pitched to 3 batters in the 8th **Inherited runners-scored:** Jiménez 2-0. **HBP:** Dunning (Albies), Hernández (Olson). **T:** 2:15. **A:** 23,246 (40,000).

Astros 7, Cubs 3

Yordan Alvarez had two hits and drove in two runs and Chas McCormick added two hits and made a nifty grab to help Houston beat Chicago for its third straight win.

Justin Steele hadn't given up more than three runs in a start this season before the Astros jumped on him for four runs in the fourth inning for a 5-1 lead.

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Madrigal 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.241
Swanson ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.273
Morel cf	4	1	1	0	0	3	.333
Happ lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.295
Suzuki rf	4	1	2	2	0	1	.266
Mervis 1b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.250
Mastrobuoni 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.192
Wisdom ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.240
Hosmer dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	.234
Mancini ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Barnhart c	1	0	0	0	2	1	.208
TOTALS	32	3	6	3	2	10	—

ASTROS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Dubón 2b	4	2	2	0	0	1	.309
Bregman 3b	1	1	0	1	1	0	.210
Alvarez dh	4	1	2	2	0	2	.298
Tucker rf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.264
J.Abreu 1b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.219
Hensley ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.135
Peña ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.255
Julks lf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.262
McCormick cf	4	0	2	1	0	0	.268
Maldonado c	3	1	0	0	1	2	.177
TOTALS	32	7	9	6	2	10	—

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LOB: Chicago 4, Houston 5. **2B:** Morel (2), Dubón 2 (10), Alvarez (9), Tucker (7), Julks (5), McCormick (5). **HR:** Mervis (1), off Javier; Suzuki (3), off Gage.

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Steele	6	5	5	5	1	8	2.44
Burdi	1	2	2	2	1	1	18.0
Merryweather	1	2	0	0	0	1	5.74

ASTROS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Javier	6	2	1	1	2	5	3.25
Maton	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.86
Gage	2	3	2	2	0	3	4.50

WP: Javier (4-1); **LP:** Steele (6-1). **HBP:** Steele (Bregman). **WP:** Steele. **T:** 2:19. **A:** 34,280 (41,000).

White Sox 8, Guardians 3

Luis Robert Jr. homered for the fourth straight game, Gavin Sheets and Jake Burger went deep off Shane Bieber in Chicago's six-run fifth inning, and the White Sox beat Cleveland.

Robert's solo shot in the eighth was his AL-leading 12th homer of the season.

GUARDIANS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	3	1	1	2	0	0	.275
Rosario ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.262
Naylor 1b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.219
Rocchio ph-3b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.500
Bell dh	4	0	1	1	0	0	.224
Giménez 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.234
Arias 3b-1b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.169
Brennan rf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.207
Zunino c	2	0	0	0	0	2	.169
Fry ph-c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.125
Straw cf	3	2	1	0	0	1	.231
TOTALS	34	3	9	3	0	9	—

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Anderson ss	5	0	1	0	0	2	.257
Benintendi lf	5	0	2	0	0	1	.272
Robert Jr. cf	4	2	1	1	0	0	.274
Moncada 3b	4	2	2	1	1	2	.315
Vaughn 1b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.242
Sheets rf	5	1	1	3	0	1	.250
Marisnick rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Grandal c	4	1	3	0	0	1	.286
Burger dh	4	1	2	2	0	1	.253
Alberto 2b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.254
TOTALS	39	8	16	8	1	8	—

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E: Zunino (2), Grandal (2), Anderson (3). **LOB:** Cleveland 5, Chicago 10. **2B:** Kwan (8), Moncada (7), Vaughn (13). **3B:** Straw (1). **HR:** Sheets (5), off Bieber; Burger (9), off Bieber; Robert Jr. (12), off De Los Santos.

GUARDIANS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bieber	4⅔	12	6	5	0	4	3.20
Curry	1⅓	3	1	1	0	0	2.82
Sandlin	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.02
De Los Santos	1	1	1	1	1	2	2.35

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lynn	7	7	3	1	0	7	6.66
Middleton	1	2	0	0	0	1	2.03
Kelly	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.48

WP: Lynn (2-5); **LP:** Bieber (3-2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Middleton 1-1. **HBP:** De Los Santos (Vaughn). **T:** 2:24. **A:** 18,459 (40,241).

Brewers 3, Cardinals 2

Nolan Arenado homered for the fifth straight game for St. Louis, but Joey Wiemer and Brian Anderson went deep to power Milwaukee.

Arenado now has 999 career RBI.

BREWERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Miller lf	5	1	2	0	0	0	.329
Willi.Contreras c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.256
Adames ss	3	0	1	1	1	1	.216
Brosseau 1b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.224
Tellez ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.254
Ruf dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Winker ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.229
Anderson 3b	3	1	1	1	0	0	.245
Taylor rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.163
Turang 2b	4	0	3	0	0	0	.252
Wiemer cf	4	1	1	1	0	3	.208
TOTALS	35	3	9	3	1	11	—

CARDINALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nootbaar cf	4	0	0	0	1	1	.298
Goldschmidt 1b	4	0	0	0	1	2	.311
Wills.Contreras dh	3	0	1	0	2	0	.252
Arenado 3b	4	1	1	1	1	1	.263
DeJong ss	4	0	0	0	1	2	.286
Gorman 2b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.285
Edman rf	4	1	3	0	0	0	.275
Donovan lf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.254
Knizner c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.215
Burleson ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.222
Barrera c	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
TOTALS	34	2	7	2	7	9	—

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LOB: Milwaukee 7, St. Louis 12. **2B:** Miller (7), Adames (5), Edman (6), Wills.Contreras (12). **HR:** Wiemer (4), off Montgomery; Anderson (6), off Montgomery; Arenado (8), off Miley.

BREWERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Miley	1⅔	1	1	1	1	0	3.67
Peguero	1⅓	0	0	0	2	0	1.42
Milner	1⅓	2	1	1	0	3	4.15
Payamps	1⅔	2	0	0	1	4	2.57
Strzelecki	1⅓	1	0	0	2	0	3.26
Williams	1⅔	1	0	0	1	2	0.64

CARDINALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Montgomery	5⅓	8	3	3	1	7	4.21
Hicks	1⅔	0	0	0	0	2	5.60
Pallante	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.27
VerHagen	1	1	0	0	0	1	4.15

WP: Payamps (2-0); **LP:** Montgomery (2-6); **S:** Williams (6). **Inherited runners-scored:** Peguero 1-0, Williams 2-0, Hicks 1-0. **IBB:** off Williams (Arenado). **HBP:** Montgomery (Anderson). **T:** 2:55. **A:** 34,655 (44,494).

Reds 3, Rockies 1

Nick Senzel hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the seventh inning, helping propel Cincinnati to a win over Colorado.

Left-hander Brandon Williamson, making his MLB debut for the Reds, allowed one run — a 415-foot solo shot by Ezequiel Tovar — on two hits and two walks in 5⅔ innings.

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
India 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.290
McLain ss	4	0	1	1	0	3	.250
Fraley lf	3	0	2	0	1	0	.283
Steer 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.247
Stephenson dh	3	1	1	0	1	1	.257
Senzel 3b	4	1	1	2	0	1	.275
Myers rf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.202
Fairchild cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.205
Casali c	2	0	0	0	1	0	.150
Newman pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	.237
Maile c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.250
TOTALS	31	3	6	3	4	7	—

ROCKIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Blackmon dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.279
Profar lf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.225
E.Díaz c	3	0	1	0	1	1	.328
Grichuk rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.340
Moustakas 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.219
Toglia 1b	3	0	0	0	0	3	.000
Doyle cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.235
Trejo 2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.244
Castro ph-2b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.265
Tovar ss	3	1	1	1	0	2	.216
TOTALS	30	1	4	1	2	11	—

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LOB: Cincinnati 6, Colorado 4. **2B:** E.Díaz (7). **HR:** Senzel (4), off Lambert; Tovar (3), off Williamson.

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Williamson	5⅔	2	1	1	2	6	1.59
Law	⅓	1	0	0	0	1	2.57
Young	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.95
Gibaut	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.84
A.Díaz	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.25

ROCKIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Anderson	5	1	0	0	1	3	0.00
Lambert	2	2	2	2	1	2	2.35
Lawrence	1	2	1	1	1	1	2.28
Bard	1	1	0	0	1	1	0.96

WP: Law (3-4); **LP:** Lambert (0-1); **S:** A.Díaz (10). **Inherited runners-scored:** Law 1-0. **T:** 2:05. **A:** 20,611 (50,144).

NOTES

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Astros: 2B Jose Altuve will continue his rehab assignment at Class AA Corpus Christi as he works his way back from the right thumb fracture he suffered in the World Baseball Classic.

Brewers: RHP Gus Varland was designated for assignment, one day after surrendering nine runs in two-thirds of an inning in an 18-1 loss to the Cardinals.

Guardians: Placed all-star 3B José Ramírez on the bereavement list and recalled hot-hitting IF Brayan Rocchio from Class AAA Columbus.

Marlins: OF Jazz Chisholm Jr. landed on the 10-day injured list with turf toe in his right foot.

Rangers: RHP Kumar Rocker, one of the team's top pitching prospects and the No. 3 overall pick in the 2022 draft, has a torn ligament in his right elbow and will undergo Tommy John surgery.

TODAY

NL games

NATIONALS AT MARLINS, 6:40	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Gore (L)	3-2	3.29	3-5
Cabrera (R)	2-3	5.35	4-4
REDS AT ROCKIES, 3:10			
Ashcraft (R)	2-1	3.95	5-3
Gomber (L)	3-4	6.30	3-5
PHILLIES AT GIANTS, 3:45			
Walker (R)	3-2	5.75	5-3
Manaea (L)	1-2	7.96	1-5
BREWERS AT CARDINALS, 7:45			
Burnes (R)	4-2	3.35	5-3
Wainwright (R)	0-0	7.20	1-1

NL scores

MONDAY'S RESULTS
at Washington 10, N.Y. Mets 3
at St. Louis 18, Milwaukee 1
at Colorado 9, Cincinnati 8
San Francisco 6, at Philadelphia 3

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
at Miami 5, Washington 4
Milwaukee 3, at St. Louis 2
Cincinnati 3, at Colorado 1
Philadelphia at San Francisco, late

AL games

ANGELS AT ORIOLES, 6:35	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Canning (R)	2-1	6.38	3-2
Bradish (R)	1-1	4.56	4-2
YANKEES AT BLUE JAYS, 7:07			
Cole (R)	5-0	2.22	8-1
Bassitt (R)	5-2	3.49	5-3
MARINERS AT RED SOX, 7:10			
Gonzales (L)	3-0	4.42	5-2
Bello (R)	2-1	5.01	4-1
GUARDIANS AT WHITE SOX, 8:10			
Battenfield (R)	0-4	4.45	0-5
Clevinger (R)	2-3	4.79	3-5

AL scores

MONDAY'S RESULTS
L.A. Angels 9, at Baltimore 5
N.Y. Yankees 7, at Toronto 4
Seattle 10, at Boston 1

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
at Baltimore 7, L.A. Angels 3
N.Y. Yankees 6, at Toronto3
at Boston 9, Seattle 4
at Chicago White Sox 8, Cleveland 3

Interleague games

PIRATES AT TIGERS, 1:10	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Hill (L)	3-3	4.36	4-4
Rodriguez (L)	4-2	1.57	4-4
TWINS AT LOS ANGELES, 3:10			
Gray (R)	4-0	1.39	5-3
May (R)	4-1	2.68	5-3
DIAMONDBACKS AT ATHLETICS, 3:37			
Nelson (R)	1-2	6.20	2-6
Medina (R)	0-2	8.18	0-2
ROYALS AT PADRES, 4:10			
TBD	----	----	----
Darvish (R)	2-2	3.16	3-4
RAYS AT NEW YORK, 7:10			
TBD	----	----	----
Senga (R)	4-2	4.14	5-2
BRAVES AT RANGERS, 8:05			
Strider (R)	4-1	2.51	7-1
Eovaldi (R)	5-2	2.70	5-3
CHICAGO AT ASTROS, 8:10			
Smyly (L)	4-1	3.04	6-2
France (R)	1-0	0.77	1-1

Interleague scores

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Atlanta 12, at Texas 0
at Houston 6, Chicago Cubs 4
Arizona 5, at Oakland 2
at San Diego 4, Kansas City 0
at L.A. Dodgers 9, Minnesota 8 (12)

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
at Detroit 4, Pittsburgh 0
Tampa Bay 8, at N.Y. Mets 5
at Texas 7, Atlanta 7
at Houston 7, Chicago Cubs 3
Arizona at Oakland, late
Kansas City at San Diego, late
Minnesota at L.A. Dodgers, late

He has three jobs — and one big goal

Chambers, 'an old-school grinder,' has helped Broadneck lacrosse stay perfect while chasing a state championship

BY SHANE CONNUCK

As the Broadneck boys' lacrosse players mill around before practice, Jake Chambers sprints to the corner of the turf. No one had set up the goals yet, so the Bruins' senior captain grabs the sides of a cage and drags the net to its spot.

He repeats the task on the other side of the field, then dashes back to laugh and bob his head to music with his teammates.

Despite not having a gaudy stat line, Chambers, a defensive midfielder, is the leader for Broadneck (17-0), which beat South River on Monday to advance to Wednesday's Class 4A state quarterfinals, in which it will host Laurel. He's vocal, often quarterbacking his team's defense as he calls out adjustments from the field. Chambers, who also reached the 3A/4A wrestling finals this past winter, is a particularly physical player defensively.

He's playing a crucial role as Broadneck pursues its goal of avenging its loss in last year's 4A championship game. But his diligence as a worker goes beyond simple tasks at the start of practice.

Seniors at Broadneck can opt to spend only two periods in school every day, and Chambers often uses his free hours to work one of his three jobs. He may be cutting lawns with his friend; helping his dad build kitchens and bathrooms with the family construction company, Chambers Home Improvement; or assisting with child care at Rolly Pollies of Severna Park on weekends.



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Senior captain Jake Chambers has helped lead Broadneck lacrosse to the Maryland 4A quarterfinals.

"Honestly, I don't want say I'm a loner, because I love being out here with the guys. But outside of practice and outside of school, I'm by myself," Chambers said. "I don't really do anything on weekends; I work on weekends. I stay home, play with my dog, play outside."

Chambers, who will continue playing lacrosse at the Coast Guard Academy, is a bit old school. He still uses the boxlike LG phone he received in sixth grade, and he's not glued to it like some teens are to their devices.

Instead, Chambers wakes up at 4:45 a.m. and heads to the gym with his brother before his tripleheader of school, work and practice. He arrives at practice wearing pants covered in paint, as he often has been helping his dad paint a kitchen.

"He's the definition of an old-school grinder," Coach Jeff McGuire said. "He would go run eight miles if you told him."

There have been several instances this season when McGuire has noticed a younger player make a mistake and he has turned around and seen Chambers with his arm around the player explaining what went wrong.

Chambers is the first Broadneck player to don No. 9 since Gerry Case, a former All-Met who died of a blood infection during his freshman year at Loyola in Baltimore in 1997. Case's brother, Joe, told McGuire before the season that he wanted to bring his number back, as long as it went to someone he felt embodied Gerry's characteristics. Chambers was the pick.

"To kick it off with Jake Chambers, that's what you want to do," McGuire said. "[Chambers] emulates everything we want our program to represent."

McGuire blows his whistle and yells to his players to rotate between different shooting and passing drills. Chambers sings along to the upbeat music and is the first player at his next station, at which he jumps in the air upon arriving.

"He's like a teddy bear," said senior midfielder Ryan Salazar, who has been friends with Chambers since elementary school. "Everyone needs that kind of person in their life. Not everyone out here is the most vocal, and he's the kind of guy who's going to be the vocal guy for you."

Senior goalie Colin Gray looks through his face mask, which, like all the Bruins', has the word "edge" displayed on the bottom strap. The team has a handful of acronym mottos but none more meaningful than "Every Day, Give Everything."

"He's our embodiment of the 'EDGE,' " Gray said of Chambers. "We all use it every day, but he's just the human representation of it. He gives his all constantly — even if you don't need to give your all, he's always trying his hardest."

IAAM SOFTBALL FINAL

Cavaliers stay on their toes, extend title streak to four

SPALDING 6, JOHN CARROLL 3

BY NOAH FERGUSON

Taylor Barchanowicz waited on a 3-2 pitch with the bases loaded in the bottom of the fifth inning of Tuesday's Interscholastic Athletic Association of Maryland softball championship game in Glen Burnie. With two outs and the score tied, the Archbishop Spalding junior got under the pitch and popped it high and short — triggering a collective groan from the Cavaliers' dugout.

"Honestly, yeah, I thought I was out," Barchanowicz said with a laugh. "I just kept running it out."

Moments later, the groans turned to joy. A miscommunication between John Carroll fielders allowed the ball to drop, sending three Spalding runners home, a sequence that proved decisive in a 6-3 win that gave the Cavaliers their fourth straight IAAM title, this one in a rematch of last year's championship game. Spalding held the Patriots scoreless for the final two innings.

"This year especially, they're a lot more of a team," Spalding Coach Delaney Bell said. "It's a huge team win; it's always a huge team win."

There was plenty of reason to believe this title matchup would not be a low-scoring contest. Both the Cavaliers (12-4) and John Carroll have strong offenses, and they split the regular season series in two high-scoring affairs. The teams combined for 16 hits Tuesday.

The Cavaliers opened the scoring at Bachman Sports Complex with three runs in the first inning, the first run crossing on a misplayed popup that allowed Jayda Betts to score from third. Singles from Sydnie Lanasa and Taylor Codi brought two more runners home.

The Patriots (12-3) battled back with a run in the third inning and two in the fourth, knotting the score at 3.

Then came the "crazy" play in the fifth, Bell said.

"Our base runners are super aggressive; almost all of our girls are fast," Bell said. "They know that we expect them to sprint out everything. So it was impressive; we scored from first on that, so they were moving."

Junior Mackenna Dean closed out the game for the Cavaliers inside the pitching circle in the final two innings, quelling a late John Carroll surge in the final frame. With the bases loaded and two outs, Dean induced a pop fly. This one was squeezed by Spalding center fielder Alyssa Derr and, and moments later the Cavaliers dogpiled Dean on the mound to celebrate.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Just freshmen, Virmani twins lead the way for River Hill track

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Lauren Virmani can always tell when her sister, Marella, is behind her. And it's not because of twin telepathy.

"She's a really loud breather," Lauren said, "so you can always hear her."

The two have had breakout years at River Hill as freshmen on the track and field team, including several dominant races in the Howard County championships May 9.

Marella won the 800 meters (2 minutes 19.86 seconds) and 1,600 (5:04.24, a personal record) and Lauren finished second in the 800 (2:21.25) and 1,600 (5:04.57, a PR) and won the 3,200 (11:04.90) as the Hawks took second overall.

According to Coach Ammera Schmidt, the Virmani twins' running intelligence — how they approach training and race strategy — belies their youth.

"From Day 1, when they showed up for our tryouts for indoor track," Schmidt said, "it was extremely obvious that they have their built-in running IQ and have developed it in a manner that's very beneficial."

The duo also excel on the soccer field, where they clash daily: Marella is an attacking midfielder, while Lauren is on the defensive side as an outside back.

"We get our competitiveness mostly from soccer," Lauren said. "We're really competitive there, and we bring it to the track in workouts against each other."

That competitiveness helps the twins train and race together; Lauren sets the pace, and Marella increases the speed near the end.

"It's pretty cool to have someone that you can train with and then also race with," Marella said. "We're definitely competitive, but we also are, like, nice to each other."

— Ian Decker

Softball

Osbourn Park graduated its top five offensive performers at the conclusion of the 2022 season. Yellowjackets Coach Patrick DeRosa knew he would be relying on his youth to step up for a 2023 team without much veteran experience, but he was not sure what to expect from a team that showed potential early in the season.

"[They're] not just young, but it's also . . . not as game-tested," DeRosa said. "I could tell the talent was there — you just never know, are they going to be up to the task of doing so much?"

DeRosa didn't see this level of dominance coming. The maturing group is 17-3 and poised to make a deep postseason run, having already collected wins over Battlefield — the team that knocked the Yellowjackets out of the playoffs last year — and Tuscarora, which made a state championship appearance a season ago.

Osbourn Park ended its regular season with a combined perfect game against Osbourn, a 17-0 win that sends it into the playoffs on a 10-game winning streak.

"When you have a young team, you never know what to expect," DeRosa said. "So the fact that we've come out reliant on so many younger girls and done well is a huge step for us."

— Noah Ferguson

Lacrosse

Glenelg Coach Alex Pagnotta knew his team's path to a title would probably include early matchups against Century and Manchester Valley.

The three programs are the class of their region and often face off early in the postseason. The Gladiators faced Century twice in the playoffs the past two years — losing by one goal in season-ending defeats both times.

This year, Glenelg advanced with a 9-8 win in the region semifinal. But Pagnotta's team wasn't out of the gantlet yet as a matchup with Manchester Valley, the region's No. 1 seed, loomed. The Mavericks beat the Gladiators in overtime Monday, 10-9, as the tough early bracket ended Glenelg's season again.

"Typically, if you can get out of this region, you have a really good chance of winning the state championship," Pagnotta said.

His team went down early but fought back, showing the type of resilience the coach said he would remember about this squad.

"My whole thing was always, like, leave it on the field, 110 percent effort, and nine times out of 10 you're going to come out a winner," he said.

Unfortunately for Glenelg, Monday's game was the off scenario in which it was sent home.

— Varun Shankar

Soccer

The Battlefield Bobcats came into this season with their work cut out for them: find a way to replace the 15 seniors they had lost to graduation. Coach Kevin Hilton's program is a consistent contender in Prince William County, and Hilton knew he would have talent on the roster. So the early season became about finding the best way to employ it.

"We had to try and figure out the best way to utilize our strengths," Hilton said. "And that meant trying a few different looks. In that first Gainesville game, we made another tactic shift and haven't looked back since then. At that point, we all understood what was going to work best for us."

Part of what works best for this group is a focus on keeping possession. That requires a lot of control from the midfield but also consistent composure from the back line. Not only has Battlefield's defense kept opponents off the board (giving up just two goals since March), but it is able to hold possession and help the team build from the back.

Up front, freshman Kyndal Shuler has been a pleasant surprise and a major part of a dynamic attack, leading the team with 17 goals. On Thursday night, the Bobcats (11-1-3) put that offensive firepower on display as they faced rival Patriot in the regular season finale. They scored three goals in the first 15 minutes of a 4-0 win.

— Michael Errigo

Spurs win NBA draft lottery for the chance to select French star Wembanyama

NBA LOTTERY FROM D1

Following the Spurs at No. 1, the Charlotte Hornets will pick second, the Portland Trail Blazers will pick third, the Houston Rockets will pick fourth and the Detroit Pistons will pick fifth. The Washington Wizards, with a 35-47 record, will select eighth.

Wembanyama, 19, is the most acclaimed teenage basketball prospect since LeBron James, thanks to his remarkable size, well-rounded game and off-court polish. The French center will join a Spurs organization known for its international ties, as his countrymen Tony Parker and Boris Diaw were part of championship teams in San Antonio. Wembanyama previously played for ASVEL, a French team owned by Parker, but he spent this season starring for Metropolitans 92 in the country's top professional league.

The lottery process was filled with intrigue and, for the Wizards, heartbreak. To determine each of the top four picks, 14 numbered balls were placed into a hopper at a secretive ceremony held at a downtown ballroom. For each selection, four of the 14 balls were drawn, with each team receiving a portion of the 1,001 possible four-number combinations based on its record during the 2022-23 season.

The Spurs pulled the winning combination for the top pick: 14, 5, 8, 2. That final digit represented a near miss for the Wizards, who were represented at the lottery by Coach Wes Unseld Jr. and assistant general manager Brett Greenberg. After the first three numbers were drawn, the Wizards would have gotten the top pick if the final number had been 7, 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13 instead of 2. While Washington held those six possible combinations, no other team — including San Antonio — held more than one of the 11 possible combinations.

San Antonio's contingent was elated at the trajectory-altering development for an organization that won five titles between 1999 and 2014 but hasn't reached the playoffs since 2019. The Spurs group, which included chairman Peter J. Holt and executives R.C. Buford and Brian Wright, posed onstage with table tennis balls and the winning placard displayed by NBA deputy commissioner Mark Tatum during the nationally televised reveal.

"Our fans stuck with us. It's going to be unbelievable," Holt said. "Our future was already bright. Now, it's through the moon. [Wembanyama] is quite obviously an amazing young man, a good teammate, and he looks like he has incredible qualities."

Wembanyama wowed NBA executives, scouts and players during a pair of exhibition games outside Las Vegas in October. After the two showcases against the NBA's G League Ignite developmental team, James hailed Wembanyama as an "alien" and talent evaluators compared him to a young Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.


CHRISTOPHE PETIT TESSON/EPA-EFE/SHUTTERSTOCK

Center Victor Wembanyama is averaging 21.6 points, 10.5 rebounds and 3.1 blocks per game in France.

"I feel like I deserve it, so I'm not going to be surprised by all this attention," Wembanyama said in October. "If I was amazed by all this, that would mean I'm satisfied with it. I'm not. I want to get better every day. The state I'm at right now is not enough."

Wembanyama resisted suggestions that he should sit out this season to avoid injury, leading Metropolitans 92 to a spot near the top of the LNB Pro A league standings while averaging 21.6 points, 10.5 rebounds and 3.1 blocks. Along the way, Wembanyama's viral highlights have dominated social media — including one clip of him following up his own missed three-pointer by rushing in to dunk the offensive rebound in one quick motion.

Wembanyama has captivated the basketball universe because of his height, his wingspan and the fact that he seemingly represents a perfect fit for the modern NBA on both sides of the floor. Offensively, he handles the ball and shoots three-pointers, similar to Kevin Durant, though Wembanyama is also an excellent lob finisher. On the defensive end, he is a natural rim protector whose length and versatility allow him to effectively defend in space.

"People talk about generational talents, and you only think about on-court skill," said Wright, the Spurs' general manager. "It's bigger than that, [including] his ability to be a great teammate, think the game [and take on] unique challenges that you wouldn't even have guessed someone could do."

The biggest concerns facing Wembanyama are his thin frame and potential for injury. Listed at 230 pounds, he can struggle defending stronger players capable of getting into his chest. Before his games with Metropolitans 92, he goes through a complex set of stretching exercises and other drills designed to strengthen his size 20.5 feet and protect against lower body injuries.

Wembanyama has spent little time in the United States, but he speaks fluent English and is expected to command significant interest from the top sneaker companies and other major sponsors. He didn't attend Tuesday's lottery drawing because he was in France leading Metropolitans 92 to a 93-85 victory over Paris Basketball.

"It's been a goal of mine [to play in the NBA] for a lot of years," Wembanyama said. "It's going to be tough to leave some of my family back in Europe and pretty much everything I know, but my future is there on this [American] soil."

NBA PLAYOFFS

Denver takes Game 1 on latest Jokic triple-double

NUGGETS 132, LAKERS 126

BY ARNIE STAPLETON

DENVER — Nikola Jokic recorded his sixth triple-double of these playoffs with 34 points, 21 rebounds and 14 assists, powering the Denver Nuggets to a 132-126 win over the Los Angeles Lakers in the opener of the Western Conference finals Tuesday night.

Behind Jokic's sizzling start and strong finish and Jamal Murray's 31 points, Denver beat Los Angeles in the opener of the West finals for the first time.

After a slow start, Anthony Davis had 40 points and 10 rebounds, and LeBron James finished with 26 points, 12 boards and nine assists for the Lakers. Austin Reaves chipped in 23 points and fueled a desperate run in the fourth quarter that nearly erased the Nuggets' 14-point cushion after three.

Denver led by as many as 21, but Los Angeles pulled within three points twice in the final minutes. Reaves hit a three-pointer to cut the deficit to 124-121 with 2:18 to go, and James knocking down a pair of free throws to make it 129-126 with 1:12 remaining.

After Jokic sank two foul shots with 26 seconds left to give the Nuggets a 131-126 lead, Murray poked the ball from James as he was about to drive, and Jokic gathered it in before being fouled with 10.9 seconds left. He sank one of two, and James misfired from three as the seconds ticked off.

Game 2 is Thursday night at Ball Arena, where top-seeded Denver is 7-0 this postseason and 41-7 overall, the best home record in the NBA this season.

Jokic said a day earlier that the Nuggets desperately needed to avoid following in the sneakersteps of the Memphis Grizzlies and Golden State Warriors, both of whom dropped their home opener to the Lakers and wound up losing in six games.

Moreover, James has won his last 20 playoff series in which his team has won the opener.

Denver hadn't taken Game 1 against Los Angeles since 1979, when it won the opener of the best-of-three series only to lose the next two. That's the closest the Nuggets have ever come to eliminating the Lakers, who have beaten Denver three times in the West finals, including in the Florida bubble in 2020.

In a stunning display of power early, Jokic pulled down 12 boards and dished out five assists to go with eight points in the first quarter. That made him the first player since at least 1997 to have a dozen or more boards and at least five assists in any quarter of an NBA playoff game.

The "Joker," who missed out on his third straight NBA MVP award this year when he was edged by the Philadelphia 76ers' Joel Embiid, had 19 points, 16 rebounds, seven assists and two blocks by halftime as the Nuggets took a 72-54 lead into the locker room.

— *Associated Press*



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Nikola Jokic, who narrowly missed out on his third consecutive NBA MVP award, has recorded six triple-doubles this postseason.

NBA NOTES

Rivers is fired by 76ers after postseason failure

FROM NEWS SERVICES AND STAFF REPORTS

The Philadelphia 76ers entered the season desperate for a playoff breakthrough, only to suffer the latest painful defeat of Joel Embiid's career. For that, the 76ers fired Coach Doc Rivers on Tuesday.

Rivers, who guided the Boston Celtics to the 2008 championship, was tasked with leading a deep playoff run when he was hired in 2020. Brett Brown, his predecessor, had overseen a lengthy rebuilding effort dubbed "The Process" that had transformed the 76ers from bottom dwellers to a perennial playoff team, but they had just been swept out of the first round in the bubble.

During his three years in Philadelphia, the 61-year-old Rivers compiled a 154-82 (.653) record and oversaw Embiid's 2023 MVP campaign, but the veteran coach was unable to deliver the 76ers to the Eastern Conference finals for the first time since 2001. Instead, the 76ers lost in the second round in each of his three seasons, often in heartbreaking fashion.

In 2021, Philadelphia lost a Game 7 at home to the Atlanta Hawks, with Ben Simmons famously refusing to attempt an open dunk. Last year, Embiid suffered an orbital bone fracture that limited his effectiveness in a series loss to the Miami Heat. This year, the 76ers built a 3-2 series lead over the Boston Celtics, only to lose in seven games, with Embiid and guard James Harden both struggling in a Game 7 loss on the road.

Rivers said Sunday that he expected to return next season, noting that he had two years left on his contract. But he acknowledged the turbulent nature of the coaching industry, which has seen three of the past five coach of the year winners fired over the past month.

"No one's safe in our business," Rivers said. "I get that."

The 76ers are just 5-6 in playoff series during Embiid's career, with an 0-4 record against teams that won at least 50 games in the regular season. Meanwhile, Rivers has a 17-33 record in games that would allow his team to clinch a playoff series win and a 6-10 record in Game 7s.

— *Ben Golliver*

Morant addresses incident

Ja Morant spoke out Tuesday night about his latest troubles, three days after the Memphis guard apparently held a firearm again while being broadcast on social media and was suspended by the Grizzlies from all team activities.

He's also being investigated by the NBA for his actions, two months after the league suspended him for essentially the same thing — displaying a gun on social media.

"I know I've disappointed a lot of people who have supported me," Morant said in a statement released by his representatives. "This is a journey and I recognize there is more work to do. My words may not mean much right now, but I take full accountability for my actions. I'm committed to continuing to work on myself."

His comments came a few hours after NBA Commissioner Adam Silver expressed disappointment over the situation. Silver handed down an eight-game suspension in March; there is no way of knowing yet what penalties Morant may face this time.

"Honestly, I was shocked when I saw, this weekend, that video," Silver said in a televised interview with ESPN before the draft lottery in Chicago. "We're in the process of investigating it, and we'll figure out exactly what happened as best as we can. The video's a bit grainy and all that, but I'm assuming the worst. We'll figure out exactly what happened there."

The first video, which cost Morant about $669,000 in forfeited salary, came out in March. The second was captured Saturday night and widely shared online.

— *Associated Press*

SCOREBOARD

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA playoffs

FIRST ROUND
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HEAT ELIMINATED BUCKS, 4-1
Game 1: Miami 130, at Milwaukee 117
Game 2: at Milwaukee, 138, Miami 122
Game 3: at Miami 121, Milwaukee 99
Game 4: at Miami 119, Milwaukee 114
Game 5: Miami 128, at Milwaukee 126 (OT)

CELTICS ELIMINATED HAWKS, 4-2
Game 1: at Boston 112, Atlanta 99
Game 2: at Boston 119, Atlanta 106
Game 3: at Atlanta 130, Boston 122
Game 4: Boston 129, at Atlanta 121
Game 5: Atlanta 119, at Boston 117
Game 6: Boston 128, at Atlanta 120

76ERS ELIMINATED NETS, 4-0
Game 1: at Philadelphia 121, Brooklyn 101
Game 2: at Philadelphia 96, Brooklyn 84
Game 3: Philadelphia 102, at Brooklyn 97
Game 4: Philadelphia 96, at Brooklyn 88

KNICKS ELIMINATED CAVALIERS, 4-1
Game 1: New York 101, at Cleveland 97
Game 2: at Cleveland 107, New York 90
Game 3: at New York 99, Cleveland 79
Game 4: at New York 102, Cleveland 93
Game 5: New York 106, at Cleveland 95

WESTERN CONFERENCE
NUGGETS ELIMINATED TIMBERWOLVES, 4-1
Game 1: at Denver 109, Minnesota 80
Game 2: at Denver 122, Minnesota 113
Game 3: Denver 120, at Minnesota 111
Game 4: at Minnesota 114, Denver 108 (OT)
Game 5: at Denver 112, Minnesota 109

LAKERS ELIMINATED GRIZZLIES, 4-2
Game 1: L.A. Lakers 128, at Memphis 112
Game 2: at Memphis 103, L.A. Lakers 93
Game 3: at L.A. Lakers 111, Memphis 101
Game 4: at L.A. Lakers 117, Memphis 111 (OT)
Game 5: at Memphis 116, L.A. Lakers 99
Game 6: at L.A. Lakers 125, Memphis 85

WARRIORS ELIMINATED KINGS, 4-3
Game 1: at Sacramento 126, Golden State 123
Game 2: at Sacramento 114, Golden State 106
Game 3: at Golden State 114, Sacramento 97
Game 4: at Golden State 126, Sacramento 125
Game 5: Golden State 123, at Sacramento 116
Game 6: Sacramento 118, at Golden State 99
Game 7: Golden State 120, at Sacramento 100

SUNS ELIMINATED CLIPPERS, 4-1
Game 1: L.A. Clippers 115, at Phoenix 110
Game 2: at Phoenix 123, L.A. Clippers 109
Game 3: Phoenix 129, at L.A. Clippers 124
Game 4: Phoenix 112, at L.A. Clippers 100
Game 5: at Phoenix 136, L.A. Clippers 130

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HEAT ELIMINATED KNICKS, 4-2
Game 1: Miami 108, at New York 101
Game 2: at New York 111, Miami 105
Game 3: at Miami 105, New York 86
Game 4: at Miami 109, New York 101
Game 5: at New York 112, Miami 103
Game 6: at Miami 96, New York 92

CELTICS ELIMINATED 76ERS, 4-3
Game 1: Philadelphia 119, at Boston 115
Game 2: at Boston 121, Philadelphia 87
Game 3: Boston 114, at Philadelphia 102
Game 4: at Philadelphia 116, Boston 115 (OT)
Game 5: Philadelphia 115, at Boston 103
Game 6: Boston 95, at Philadelphia 86
Game 7: at Boston 112, Philadelphia 88

WESTERN CONFERENCE
NUGGETS ELIMINATED SUNS, 4-2
Game 1: at Denver 125, Phoenix 107
Game 2: at Denver 97, Phoenix 87
Game 3: at Phoenix 121, Denver 114
Game 4: at Phoenix 129, Denver 124
Game 5: at Denver 118, Phoenix 102
Game 6: Denver 125, at Phoenix 100

LAKERS ELIMINATED WARRIORS, 4-2
Game 1: L.A. Lakers 117, at Golden State 112
Game 2: at Golden State 127, L.A. Lakers 100
Game 3: at L.A. Lakers 127, Golden State 97
Game 4: at L.A. Lakers 104, Golden State 101
Game 5: at Golden State 121, L.A. Lakers 106
Game 6: at L.A. Lakers 122, Golden State 101

CONFERENCE FINALS
Best of seven; x-If necessary.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HEAT VS. CELTICS
Wednesday's game: Miami at Boston, 8:30, TNT
Friday's game: Miami at Boston, 8:30, TNT
Sunday's game: Boston at Miami, 8:30, TNT
Tuesday, May 23: Boston at Miami, 8:30, TNT
x-Thursday, May 25: Miami at Boston, 8:30, TBA
x-Saturday, May 27: Boston at Miami, 8:30, TBA
x-Monday, May 29: Miami at Boston, 8:30, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
NUGGETS LEAD LAKERS, 1-0
Game 1: at Denver 132, L.A. Lakers 126
Thursday's game: L.A. Lakers at Denver, 8:30, ESPN
Saturday's game: Denver at L.A. Lakers, 8:30, ABC
Monday, May 22: Denver at L.A. Lakers, 8:30, ESPN
x-Wednesday, May 24: L.A. Lakers at Denver, TBA
x-Friday, May 26: Denver at L.A. Lakers, TBA
x-Sunday, May 28: L.A. Lakers at Denver, TBA

NBA FINALS
TBD

Nuggets 132, Lakers 126

L.A. Lakers	25	29	38	34	— 126
Denver	37	35	34	26	— 132

L.A. LAKERS	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
James	39:52	9-16	8-11	3-12	9	1	26
Reaves	42:08	7-14	4-4	1-2	8	5	23
Davis	41:50	14-23	11-11	1-10	3	3	40
Russell	26:08	4-11	0-0	0-0	3	1	8
Schroder	32:02	2-3	0-0	0-3	5	3	6
Hachimura	28:09	8-11	0-0	0-0	1	4	17
Walker IV	19:37	2-6	0-0	0-2	0	1	6
Vanderbilt	10:12	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	3	0
TOTALS	240	46-84	23-26	5-30	30	21	126

Percentages: FG .548, FT .885. **3-Point Goals:** 11-24, .458 (Reaves 5-9, Schroder 2-2, Walker IV 2-4, Davis 1-1, Hachimura 1-1, Russell 0-3, James 0-4). **Team Rebounds:** 6. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 4 (Davis 2, Hachimura, James). **Turnovers:** 7 (James 3, Schroder 2, Russell, Vanderbilt). **Steals:** 6 (Davis 3, Walker IV 2, Vanderbilt). **Technical Fouls:** None.

DENVER	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Gordon	35:59	4-9	4-8	3-3	3	1	12
Porter Jr.	34:33	6-12	0-0	3-10	2	2	15
Jokic	42:26	12-17	7-8	6-21	14	4	34
Caldwell-Pope	35:59	9-17	0-0	1-2	3	5	21
Murray	37:03	12-20	3-3	1-5	5	5	31
Brown	24:11	6-11	3-3	0-4	2	2	16
Green	17:35	1-3	0-0	1-1	0	1	3
Braun	12:13	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
TOTALS	240	50-91	17-22	15-47	29	21	132

Percentages: FG .549, FT .773. **3-Point Goals:** 15-32, .469 (Murray 4-8, Jokic 3-3, Porter Jr. 3-6, Caldwell-Pope 3-8, Brown 1-1, Green 1-1, Braun 0-2, Gordon 0-3). **Team Rebounds:** 4. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 7 (Jokic 2, Porter Jr. 2, Braun, Caldwell-Pope, Murray). **Turnovers:** 11 (Jokic 5, Gordon 2, Caldwell-Pope, Green, Murray, Porter Jr.). **Steals:** 5 (Murray 3, Caldwell-Pope 2). **Technical Fouls:** None. **A:** 19,633 (19,520).

NBA 2023 DRAFT LOTTERY
Initial odds to win draft lottery in parentheses.
1. San Antonio (14.0%)
2. Charlotte (12.5%)
3. Portland (10.5%)
4. Houston (14.0%)
5. Detroit (14.0%)
6. Orlando (9.0%)
7. Indiana (6.8%)
8. Washington (6.7%)
9. Utah (4.5%)
10. Dallas (3.0%)
11. Orlando (conveyed from Chicago, 1.8%)
12. Oklahoma City (1.7%)
13. Toronto (1.0%)
14. New Orleans (0.5%)

GOLF

World Golf Ranking

Through Monday.

1.	Jon Rahm	10.68
2.	Scottie Scheffler	10.14
3.	Rory McIlroy	8.27
4.	Patrick Cantlay	7.25
5.	Xander Schauffele	6.59
6.	Max Homa	5.70
7.	Matt Fitzpatrick	5.37
8.	Cameron Smith	5.20
9.	Will Zalatoris	5.08
10.	Jordan Spieth	4.85
11.	Viktor Hovland	4.80
12.	Tony Finau	4.78
13.	Justin Thomas	4.55
14.	Sam Burns	4.49
15.	Cameron Young	4.38
16.	Collin Morikawa	4.29
17.	Tyrrell Hatton	4.13
18.	Sungjae Im	3.97
19.	Tom Kim	3.46
20.	Jason Day	3.30

HOCKEY

Stanley Cup playoffs

FIRST ROUND
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
PANTHERS ELIMINATED BRUINS, 4-3
Game 1: at Boston 3, Florida 1
Game 2: Florida 6, at Boston 3
Game 3: Boston 4, at Florida 2
Game 4: Boston 6, at Florida 2
Game 5: Florida 4, at Boston 3 (OT)
Game 6: at Florida 7, Boston 5
Game 7: Florida 4, at Boston 3 (OT)

HURRICANES ELIMINATED ISLANDERS, 4-2
Game 1: at Carolina 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
Game 2: at Carolina 4, N.Y. Islanders 3 (OT)
Game 3: at N.Y. Islanders 5, Carolina 1
Game 4: Carolina 5, at N.Y. Islanders 2
Game 5: N.Y. Islanders 3, at Carolina 2
Game 6: Carolina 2, at N.Y. Islanders 1 (OT)

DEVILS ELIMINATED RANGERS, 4-3
Game 1: N.Y. Rangers 5, at New Jersey 1
Game 2: N.Y. Rangers 5, at New Jersey 1
Game 3: New Jersey 2, at N.Y. Rangers 1 (OT)
Game 4: New Jersey 3, at N.Y. Rangers 1
Game 5: at New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 0
Game 6: at N.Y. Rangers 5, New Jersey 2
Game 7: at New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 0

MAPLE LEAFS ELIMINATED LIGHTNING, 4-2
Game 1: Tampa Bay 7, at Toronto 3
Game 2: at Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 2
Game 3: Toronto 4, at Tampa Bay 3 (OT)
Game 4: Toronto 5, at Tampa Bay 4 (OT)
Game 5: Tampa Bay 4, at Toronto 2
Game 6: Toronto 2, at Tampa Bay 1 (OT)

WESTERN CONFERENCE
OILERS ELIMINATED KINGS, 4-2
Game 1: Los Angeles 4, at Edmonton 3 (OT)
Game 2: at Edmonton 4, Los Angeles 2
Game 3: at Los Angeles 3, Edmonton 2 (OT)
Game 4: Edmonton 5, at Los Angeles 4 (OT)
Game 5: at Edmonton 6, Los Angeles 3
Game 6: Edmonton 5, at Los Angeles 4

STARS ELIMINATED WILD, 4-2
Game 1: Minnesota 3, at Dallas 2 (2OT)
Game 2: at Dallas 7, Minnesota 3
Game 3: at Minnesota 5, Dallas 1
Game 4: Dallas 3, at Minnesota 2
Game 5: at Dallas 4, Minnesota 0
Game 6: Dallas 4, at Minnesota 1

KRAKEN ELIMINATED AVALANCHE, 4-3
Game 1: Seattle 3 at Colorado 1
Game 2: at Colorado 3, Seattle 2
Game 3: Colorado 6, at Seattle 4
Game 4: at Seattle 3, Colorado 2
Game 5: Seattle 3, at Colorado 2
Game 6: Colorado 4, at Seattle 1
Game 7: Seattle 2, at Colorado 1

GOLDEN KNIGHTS ELIMINATED JETS, 4-1
Game 1: Winnipeg 5, at Vegas 1
Game 2: at Vegas 5, Winnipeg 2
Game 3: Vegas 5, at Winnipeg 4 (2OT)
Game 4: Vegas 4, at Winnipeg 2
Game 5: at Vegas 4, Winnipeg 1

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
PANTHERS ELIMINATED MAPLE LEAFS, 4-1
Game 1: Florida 4, at Toronto 2
Game 2: Florida 3, at Toronto 2
Game 3: at Florida 3, Toronto 2 (OT)
Game 4: Toronto 2, at Florida 1
Game 5: Florida 3, at Toronto 2 (OT)

HURRICANES ELIMINATED DEVILS, 4-1
Game 1: at Carolina 5, New Jersey 1
Game 2: at Carolina 6, New Jersey 1
Game 3: at New Jersey 8, Carolina 4
Game 4: Carolina 6, at New Jersey 1
Game 5: at Carolina 3, New Jersey 2 (OT)

WESTERN CONFERENCE
GOLDEN KNIGHTS ELIMINATED OILERS, 4-2
Game 1: at Vegas 6, Edmonton 4
Game 2: Edmonton 5, at Vegas 1
Game 3: Vegas 5, at Edmonton 1
Game 4: at Edmonton 4, Vegas 1
Game 5: at Vegas 4, Edmonton 3
Game 6: Vegas 5, at Edmonton 2

STARS ELIMINATED KRAKEN, 4-3
Game 1: Seattle 5, at Dallas 4 (OT)
Game 2: at Dallas 4, Seattle 2
Game 3: at Seattle 7, Dallas 2
Game 4: Dallas 6, at Seattle 3
Game 5: at Dallas 5, Seattle 2
Game 6: at Seattle 6, Dallas 3
Game 7: at Dallas 2, Seattle 1

CONFERENCE FINALS
Best of seven; x-If necessary.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HURRICANES VS. PANTHERS
Thursday's game: Florida at Carolina, 8, TNT
Saturday's game: Florida at Carolina, 8, TNT
Monday's game: Carolina at Florida, 8, TNT
Wednesday, May 24: Carolina at Florida, 8, TNT
x-Friday, May 26: Florida at Carolina, 8, TNT
x-Sunday, May 28: Carolina at Florida, 8, TNT
x-Tuesday, May 30: Florida at Carolina, 8, TNT

WESTERN CONFERENCE
GOLDEN KNIGHTS VS. STARS
Friday's game: Dallas at Vegas, 8:30, TBA
Sunday's game: Dallas at Vegas, 3, TBA
Tuesday, May 23: Vegas at Dallas, 8, ESPN
Thursday, May 25: Vegas at Dallas, 8, ESPN
x-Saturday, May 27: Dallas at Vegas, 8, ABC
x-Monday, May 29: Vegas at Dallas, 8, ESPN
x-Wenesday, May 31: Dallas at Vegas, 9, ESPN

STANLEY CUP FINALS
TBD

PRO FOOTBALL

USFL

NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Jersey	2	3	0	.400	96	87
Pittsburgh	2	3	0	.400	82	86
Michigan	2	3	0	.400	83	103
Philadelphia	2	3	0	.400	90	130

SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	4	1	0	.800	135	111
Houston	3	2	0	.600	142	129
Birmingham	3	2	0	.600	144	104
Memphis	2	3	0	.400	97	119

WEEK 5
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Pittsburgh 23, at Michigan 7
Houston 27, at Birmingham 20

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Philadelphia 24, New Jersey 21
Memphis 17, at New Orleans 10

WEEK 6
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Pittsburgh at Memphis, 12:30
Birmingham at Michigan, 4

SUNDAY'S GAMES
New Orleans at Philadelphia, noon
New Jersey at Houston, 4

WEEK 7
SATURDAY, MAY 27
Birmingham at New Orleans, 4
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 9

SUNDAY, MAY 28
Houston at Memphis, 2:30
Michigan at New Jersey, 5:30

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

Baltimore Orioles: Recalled LHP Cole Irvin from Norfolk (IL). Optioned RHP Logan Gillaspie to Norfolk. Sent RHP Mychal Givens to Norfolk (IL) on a rehab assignemt.
Cleveland Guardians: Placed 3B Jose Ramirez on the bereavement list. Recalled SS Brayan Rocchio from Columbus (IL).
Houston Astros: Sent 2b Jose Altuve to Corpus Christi (TL) on a rehab
New York Yankees: Transferred the rehab assignment of RHP Luis Severino from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL) to Somerset (EL).
Toronto Blue Jays: Recalled RHP Thomas Hatch from Buffalo (IL). Optioned RHP Jay Jackson to Buffalo. Sent RHP Adam Cimber to Buffalo (IL) on a rehab assignment.
Atlanta Braves: Optioned LHP Danny Young to Gwinnett (IL). Recalled LHP Jared Shuster from Gwinnett.
Miami Marlins: Reinstated RHP J.T. Chargois from the 15-day IL. Recalled INF Xavier Edwards from Jacksonville (IL). Placed OF Jazz Chisholm Jr. on the 10-day IL, retroactive to May 14.
New York Mets: Selected the contract of LHP Josh Walker from Syracuse (IL). Optioned LHP David Peterson to Syracuse. Sent RHP Jimmy Yacabonis to Binghamton (EL) on a rehab assignment. Sent RHP Edwin Uceta to Syracuse on a rehab assignment.
Philadelphia Phillies: Optioned LHP Bailey Falter to Lehigh Valley (IL). Recalled RHP Erich Uelmen from Lehigh Valley.
Washington Nationals: Agreed to terms with RHP Tyler Beck on a minor league contract.

NFL

Cleveland Browns: Signed CB Chris Westry and WR Cedric Tillman. Acquired DE Za'Darius Smith, a 2025 6th round pick and a 7th round pick from Minnesota in exchange for a 2024 5th round pick and a 2025 5th round pick.
Indianapolis Colts: Signed WR Josh Downs.
Miami Dolphins: Signed CB Bryce Thompson.
Pittsburgh Steelers: Claimed DL Manny Jones off waivers from Arizona. Re-signed QB Mason Rudolph. Placed DL Rennell Wren on injured reserve.
Washington Commanders: Signed OT Jaryd Jones-Smith. Waived OT Drew Himmelman.

WNBA

Minnesota Lynx: Waived G Brea Beal.

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New England	7	2	3	24	19	11
Cincinnati	7	1	3	24	15	12
Nashville	5	3	4	19	15	7
Atlanta	5	4	3	18	21	21
Philadelphia	5	4	2	17	17	14
Inter Miami CF	5	6	0	15	12	12
CF Montréal	5	6	0	15	11	17
Columbus	4	4	3	15	21	14
D.C. United	4	5	3	15	16	16
New York City FC	4	5	3	15	14	15
Orlando City	4	4	3	15	12	14
Charlotte FC	4	5	3	15	16	22
Chicago	3	3	5	14	14	16
New York	2	4	6	12	8	11
Toronto FC	2	4	6	12	13	17

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	7	3	2	23	19	9
Los Angeles FC	6	1	3	21	20	8
St. Louis City SC	6	4	1	19	22	13
FC Dallas	5	3	3	18	13	11
San Jose	5	4	3	18	16	16
Portland	4	5	3	15	18	19
Houston	4	4	2	14	10	9
Vancouver	3	3	5	14	15	12
Minnesota United	3	5	3	12	10	14
Colorado	2	4	6	12	10	14
Real Salt Lake	3	6	2	11	10	20
Austin FC	2	5	4	10	10	17
LA Galaxy	2	6	3	9	10	18
Sporting KC	2	7	3	9	8	16

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Nashville 1, at D.C. United 1
at Chicago 1, St. Louis City SC 0
Charlotte FC 3, at Atlanta 1
Orlando City 2, at Columbus 2
at Miami 2, New England 1
at CF Montréal 2, Toronto FC 0
at New York 1, New York City FC 0
FC Dallas 1, at Austin FC 0
Seattle 1, at Houston 0
at Sporting KC 3, Minnesota 0
Philadelphia 2, at Colorado 1
Los Angeles FC 3, at Real Salt Lake 0
Portland 3, at Vancouver 1

SUNDAY'S RESULT
at LA Galaxy 2, San Jose 1

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
D.C. United at Philadelphia, 7:30
Colorado at Atlanta, 7:30
Chicago at Charlotte FC, 7:30
CF Montréal at Cincinnati, 7:30
LA Galaxy at Columbus, 7:30
New York City FC at Orlando City, 7:30
New York at Toronto FC, 7:30
Vancouver at FC Dallas, 8:30
Houston at Minnesota, 8:30
Miami at Nashville, 8:30
Portland at Real Salt Lake, 9:30
Sporting KC at Los Angeles FC, 10:30
Austin FC at Seattle, 10:30

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	4	0	3	15	10	5
OL Reign	4	2	1	13	12	6
Gotham FC	4	2	1	13	7	6
Portland	3	1	3	12	18	10
San Diego	4	3	0	12	12	10
North Carolina	3	3	1	10	8	9
Houston	2	2	3	9	5	6
Angel City	2	3	2	8	11	13
Louisville	1	2	4	7	9	9
Orlando	2	4	1	7	5	11
Kansas City	2	5	0	6	9	14
Chicago	1	5	1	4	11	18

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at North Carolina 1, OL Reign 0
Orlando 0, at Gotham FC 0
San Diego 2, at Kansas City 0

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Washington at Orlando, 7
Angel City at North Carolina, 7
Louisville at Kansas City, 8
San Diego at Houston, 8:30

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Chicago at Portland, 5
Gotham FC at OL Reign, 6

English Premier League

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Man City	35	27	4	4	92	31	85
Arsenal	36	25	6	5	83	42	81
Newcastle	35	18	12	5	63	31	66
Man United	35	20	6	9	51	41	66
Liverpool	36	19	8	9	70	42	65
Brighton	34	17	7	10	66	45	58
Tottenham	36	17	6	13	65	59	57
Aston Villa	36	17	6	13	48	44	57
Brentford	36	13	14	9	54	45	53
Fulham	36	15	6	15	52	49	51
Chelsea	35	11	10	14	36	41	43
Crystal Palace	36	11	10	15	37	46	43
Wolverhampton	36	11	7	18	30	52	40
Bournemouth	36	11	6	19	37	69	39
West Ham	36	10	7	19	38	52	37
Nottingham Forest	36	8	10	18	36	67	34
Everton	36	7	11	18	32	56	32
Leeds	36	7	10	19	46	71	31
Leicester	36	8	6	22	49	67	30
Southampton	36	6	6	24	31	66	24

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Brentford 2, West Ham 0
Man City 3, Everton 0
Brighton 3, Arsenal 0

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Liverpool 3, Leicester 0

THURSDAY'S MATCH
Newcastle vs. Brighton, 2:30

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Tottenham vs. Brentford, 7:30 a.m.
Bournemouth vs. Man United, 10 a.m.
Fulham vs. Crystal Palace, 10 a.m.
Liverpool vs. Aston Villa, 10 a.m.
Newcastle vs. Leicester, 10 a.m. ppd
Wolverhampton vs. Everton, 10 a.m.
Nottingham Forest vs. Arsenal, 12:30

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS' LACROSSE
PRIVATE
MIAA A semifinal: McDonogh 8, Boys' Latin 7 (OT)
MIAA C semifinal: Pallotti 10, Key School 6
VISAA Division I quarterfinal: Episcopal 12, St. Christopher's 3

VIRGINIA
Concorde District championship: Madison 12, Oakton 5
Liberty District championship: Yorktown 15, McLean 14
Potomac District quarterfinal: Woodgrove 7, Stone Bridge 6
W.T. Woodson 14, Fairfax 3

GIRLS' LACROSSE
PRIVATE
VISAA Division I quarterfinal: STAB 19, Episcopal 7

VIRGINIA
Concorde District championship: Madison 10, Oakton 9
Lightridge 19, Rock Ridge 1
Loudoun County 13, Heritage 6
Woodgrove 11, Potomac Falls 8

BASEBALL
MARYLAND
2A South Region championship: Patuxent 11, McDonough 1
3A West II Region championship: Magruder 2, Damascus 1
4A North Region championship: Sherwood 5, Blake 0
4A West I Region championship: Whitman 9, Walter Johnson 2
4A West II Region championship: Urbana 4, Northwest 1
Old Mill 7, Glen Burnie 3
River Hill 7, Reservoir 0
Severna Park 4, South River 3

PRIVATE
DCSAA tournament: St. Albans 7, Georgetown Day School 2
DCSAA tournament: Sidwell Friends 12, School Without Walls 2
VISAA quarterfinal: Collegiate 12, Bishop O'Connell 2
VISAA quarterfinal: Paul VI 10, Potomac 5
McDonogh 5, Glenelg Country School 1

VIRGINIA
Liberty District semifinal: Marshall 9, Wakefield 0
Madison 10, Centreville 4
Meridian 11, Skyline 7

SOFTBALL
PRIVATE
IAAM championship: Archbishop Spalding 6, John Carroll 3
VISAA quarterfinal: Bishop O'Connell 16, St. Gertrude 0
VISAA quarterfinal: Potomac 15, Paul VI 0

VIRGINIA
Concorde District semifinal: South Lakes 5, Centreville 0
Madison 11, Oakton 1
McLean 8, Yorktown 4
William Monroe 2, Brentsville District 1

GOLF
PRIVATE
MIAA B semifinal: Severn 18.5, Saints Peter and Paul 2.5
Metros Tournament: Georgetown Prep 374, Gonzaga 388, St. Albans 402, Paul VI 409

BOYS' SOCCER
VIRGINIA
South Lakes 4, Chantilly 0

GIRLS' SOCCER
VIRGINIA
Brentsville District 2, William Monroe 0

TENNIS

ATP/WTA

ITALIAN OPEN
At Foro Italico; In Rome
Purse: $8,448,771
Surface: Red clay

MEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 16
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Cameron Norrie (13), Britain, 6-3, 6-4; Holger Rune (9-7), Denmark, def. Alexei Popyrin, Australia, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; Casper Ruud (4), Norway, def. Laslo Djere, Serbia, 6-1, 6-3; Francisco Cerundolo (24), Argentina, def. Jannik Sinner (8), Italy, 6-7 (7-3), 6-2, 6-2; Yannick Hanfmann, Germany, def. Andrey Rublev (8-6), Russia, 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 6-3; Daniil Medvedev (3), Russia, def. Alexander Zverev (19), Germany, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3); Borna Coric (15), Croatia, def. Fabian Marozsan, Hungary, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; Stefanos Tsitsipas (5), Greece, def. Lorenzo Musetti (18), Italy, 7-5, 7-5.

WOMEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 16
Iga Swiatek (1), Poland, def. Donna Vekic (21), Croatia, 6-3, 6-4; Paula Badosa, Spain, def. Karolina Muchova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-7 (7-4), 6-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES — QUATERFINALS
Veronika Kudermetova (11), Russia, def. Zheng Qinwen (22), China, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; Anhelina Kalinina (30), Ukraine, def. Beatriz Haddad Maia (12), Brazil, 6-7 (7-2), 7-6 (8-6), 6-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16
Michael Venus, New Zealand, and Jamie Murray, Britain, def. Karen Khachanov and Andrey Rublev, Russia, walkover; Robin Haase and Botic Van de Zandschulp, Netherlands, def. Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz, Germany, walkover; Wesley Koolhof, Netherlands, and Neal Skupski (1), Britain, def. Simone Bolelli and Fabio Fognini, Italy, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5).

MEN'S DOUBLES — QUATERFINALS
Robin Haase and Botic Van de Zandschulp, Netherlands, def. Michael Venus, New Zealand, and Jamie Murray, Britain, 3-6, 7-6 (7-3), 10-6; Hugo Nys, Monaco, and Jan Zielinski, Poland, def. Mackenzie McDonald and Frances Tiafoe, United States, 7-5, 7-6 (7-2).

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16
Lyudmyla Kichenok, Ukraine, and Jelena Ostapenko (2), Latvia, def. Magda Linette, Poland, and Marketa Vondrousova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — QUATERFINALS
Demi Schuurs, Netherlands, and Desirae Krawczyk (3), United States, def. Ulrikke Eikeri, Norway, and Miyu Kato, Japan, 6-3, 6-3.

WTA

TROPHEE CLARINS
At Lagardere Paris Racing Club; In Paris
Purse: $115,000
Surface: Red clay

SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Nao Hibino, Japan, def. Alycia Parks (3), United States, 6-2, 6-4; Mirra Andreeva, Russia, def. Elizabeth Mandlik, United States, 7-5, 6-2; Katie Volynets, United States, def. Carol Zhao, Canada, 6-0, 7-6 (11-9); Aliaksandra Sasnovich (1), Belarus, def. Clara Burel, France, 6-1, 7-5; Katherine Sebov, Canada, def. Anna Bondar, Hungary, 6-3, 3-0, ret; Linda Noskova (4), Czech Republic, def. Elsa Jacquemot, France, 6-1, 2-6, 6-4; Tamara Zidansek, Slovenia, def. Lois Boisson, France, 6-4, 6-4; Alize Cornet (7), France, def. Ashlyn Krueger, United States, 7-6 (8-6), 6-3; Jang Su Jeong, South Korea, def. Fiona Ferro, France, 6-3, 6-1; Caty McNally (6), United States, def. Kristina Mladenovic, France, 6-4, 6-4; Oceane Dodin, France, def. Chloe Paquet, France, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; Diane Parry, France, def. Selena Janicijevic, France, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.

ATP RANKINGS
Through Monday.

SINGLES
1. Novak Djokovic, Serbia, 6775
2. Carlos Alcaraz, Spain, 6770
3. Daniil Medvedev, Russia, 5330
4. Casper Ruud, Norway, 5165
5. Stefanos Tsitsipas, Greece, 5015
6. Andrey Rublev, Russia, 4190
7. Holger Rune, Denmark, 3865
8. Jannik Sinner, Italy, 3525
9. Taylor Fritz, USA, 3380
10. Felix Auger-Aliassime, Canada, 3235
11. Karen Khachanov, Russia, 3025
12. Frances Tiafoe, USA, 2755
13. Cameron Norrie, Great Britain, 2680
14. Rafael Nadal, Spain, 2535
15. Hubert Hurkacz, Poland, 2525
16. Borna Coric, Croatia, 2240
17. Tommy Paul, USA, 2170
18. Alex de Minaur, Australia, 1995
19. Lorenzo Musetti, Italy, 1960
20. Matteo Berrettini, Italy, 1832

WTA RANKINGS
Through Monday.

SINGLES
1. Iga Swiatek, Poland, 9625
2. Aryna Sabalenka, Belarus, 7881
3. Jessica Pegula, USA, 5300
4. Caroline Garcia, France, 5025
5. Coco Gauff, USA, 4345
6. Elena Rybakina, Kazakhstan, 4195
7. Ons Jabeur, Tunisia, 4116
8. Maria Sakkari, Greece, 3516
9. Daria Kasatkina, Russia, 3505
10. Petra Kvitova, Czech Republic, 3162
11. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, 2750
12. Veronika Kudermetova, Russia, 2660
13. Barbora Krejcikova, Czech Republic, 2616
14. Karolina Pliskova, Czech Republic, 2245
15. Beatriz Haddad Maia, Brazil, 2206
16. Liudmila Samsonova, Russia, 2172
17. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, 2127
18. Martina Trevisan, Italy, 1878
19. Magda Linette, Poland, 1820
20. Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia, 1795

COLLEGE LACROSSE

NCAA men's tournament

PLAY-IN GAME
WEDNESDAY'S RESULT
at Delaware 25, Marist 10

FIRST ROUND
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Virginia 17, Richmond 8
at Notre Dame 20, Utah 7
at Georgetown 19, Yale 17
Army 16, at Maryland 15

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Johns Hopkins 22, Bryant 8
Michigan 15, at Cornell 14 (OT)
at Duke 12, Delaware 11
at Penn State 13, Princeton 12

QUARTERFINALS
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Virginia vs. Georgetown, noon, ESPNU
Michigan vs. Duke, 2:30, ESPNU

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Army vs. Penn State, noon, ESPNU
Johns Hopkins vs. Notre Dame, 2:30, ESPNU

SEMIFINALS
AT LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD, PHILADELPHIA
SATURDAY, MAY 27
TBA, noon, ESPNU
TBA, 2:30, ESPNU

CHAMPIONSHIP
AT LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD, PHILADELPHIA
MONDAY, MAY 29
TBA, 1, ESPNU

NCAA women's tournament

FIRST ROUND
FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Pennsylvania 13, Connecticut 8
Johns Hopkins 19, Massachusetts 8
at James Madison 12, Army 8
at North Carolina 16, Sacred Heart 5
at Loyola (Md.) 11, Fairfield 6
Michigan 13, Central Michigan 6
at Florida 13, Jacksonville 7
Maryland 11, Drexel 6
Richmond 18, Marquette 8
at Denver 10, Southern California 7
Stony Brook 12, Penn State 8
Notre Dame 21, Mercer 6
Albany 16, Virginia 14

SECOND ROUND
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at North Carolina 16, Richmond 12
Notre Dame 16, at Florida 15
at Northwestern 8, Michigan 7
at James Madison 15, Maryland 14
at Boston College 9, Pennsylvania 7
at Loyola (Md.) 9, Stony Brook 8
at Syracuse 25, Johns Hopkins 8
at Denver 8, Albany 6

QUARTERFINALS
THURSDAY'S GAMES
Syracuse vs. James Madison, noon, ESPNU
Notre Dame vs. Boston College, 2:30, ESPNU
Denver vs. North Carolina, 5, ESPNU
Northwestern vs. Loyola (Md.), 7:30, ESPNU

SEMIFINALS
AT WAKEMED SOCCER PARK, CARY, N.C.
FRIDAY, MAY 26
TBA, 3, ESPNU
TBA, 5:30, ESPNU

CHAMPIONSHIP
AT WAKEMED SOCCER PARK, CARY, N.C.
SUNDAY, MAY 28
TBA, noon, ESPN

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815 Legal Notices

Department of Justice
Antitrust Division

Take notice that the United States has filed a proposed Final Judgment in a civil antitrust case in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, *United States of America v. ASSA ABLOY AB and Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 22-2791-ACR. On September 15, 2022, the United States filed a Complaint alleging that ASSA ABLOY's proposed acquisition of Spectrum Brands' Hardware and Home Improvement division would violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. § 18. The proposed Final Judgment, filed on May 5, 2023, requires ASSA ABLOY to divest its EMTEK-branded business, its Schaub-branded business, its August-branded business, and its Yale-branded multifamily and residential smart lock business in the United States and Canada. It also requires ASSA ABLOY and Spectrum Brands to submit to oversight by a monitoring trustee, who will have the power and authority to monitor ASSA ABLOY's and Spectrum Brands' compliance with the proposed Final Judgment. A Competitive Impact Statement filed by the United States on May 5, 2023 describes the Complaint, the proposed Final Judgment, the industry, and the remedies available to private litigants who may have been injured by the alleged violation.

Copies of the Complaint, proposed Final Judgment, Competitive Impact Statement, and the documents the United States considered determinative in formulating the proposed Final Judgment are available for inspection on the Antitrust Division's website at <http://www.justice.gov/atr> and at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court named above.

Interested persons may address comments in English to Chief, Defense, Industrials, and Aerospace Section, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice, 450 Fifth Street NW, Suite 8700, Washington, DC 20530 within 60 days of the date of this notice. Such comments, including the name of the submitter, and responses thereto will be posted on the Antitrust Division's website, filed with the Court, and, under certain circumstances, published in the *Federal Register.*

825 Bids & Proposals

THE SEED PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
(6) 30lb Front loader Washer Machines

The SEED Public Charter School of Washington, D.C. is inviting firms to submit proposals for the removal and replacement of (6) 30 lb Front Loader Washer Machines. Additional specifications outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained between the hours of 8:00am-4:00pm from:

Carl Dyson
Campus Operations Manager
THE SEED PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL OF WASHINGTON, D.C.
4300 C Street, SE
Washington, DC 20019
CDyson@seedschooldc.org
202-248-7773 x 5045

The deadline for submitting bids is May 22nd, 2023 at 12:00pm

All bids not addressing all areas as outlined in the RFP will not be considered.

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815 Legal Notices

Notice is hereby given that the following named company, Amerisave Mortgage Corporation, at the address listed herewith; 3525 Piedmont Rd NE, 8 Piedmont Center, Suite 600, Atlanta, GA 30305; has made application to engage in the business of loaning money for the license year ending December 31, 2023 as provided by the Act of Congress, approved February 14, 1913. Anyone desiring to protest against the issuance of this license should do so in writing to the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking, 1050 First Street, NE, Suite 801, Washington, DC 20002, in the manner prescribed by said Act: See DC Code Title 26, Chapter 9 and 16 DCMR 2.

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

KEITH YACKO, et al,
Substitute Trustee,
Plaintiff,
v.
NIMAI CHANDRA DEY, et al,
Defendants.

Case No.CAEF19-37965

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **25 day of April, 2023**, that the sale of the property in this case, **5904 33RD AVE HYATTSVILLE, MD 20782**, reported by Jennifer Deardorff, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **25 day of May, 2023**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in WASHINGTON POST, a newspaper published in PRINCE GEORGE'S County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **25 day of May, 2023**

The report states the amount of sale to be **$333,757,16**.

Mahasin El Amin#769
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County, MD

May 10, 17, 24, 2023 12422203

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg
Mark D. Meyer
Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiff(s)

v.

Mildred C Thompson
Roy L. Thompson
8903 Loughran Road
Fort Washington, MD 20744
Defendant(s)

Case No. C-16-CV-23-000526

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **19** day of **April, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of **8903 Loughran Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744**, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **19 day of May, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **19 day of May, 2023.** The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$330,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County, Maryland

May 3, 10, 17, 2023 12421642

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg, et al.
Mark D. Meyer
Miroslav Nikolov
Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiff(s)

v.

Estate of Kelly Crayton
7410 Goodland Drive, Apt. 4
Hyattsville, MD 20785
Defendant(s)

Case No. CAEF19-33487

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **28** day of **April, 2023,** by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of **7410 Goodland Drive, Apt. 4 Hyattsville, MD 20785**, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **29 day of May, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **29 day of May, 2023.** The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$110,600.00.**

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County, Maryland

May 10, 17, 24, 2023 12422178

840 Trustees Sale - DC

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1115 12TH STREET NW UNIT 601,
WASHINGTON DC 20005

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case : 2019 CA 005433 R(RP), the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 1115 12TH STREET NW UNIT 601, WASHINGTON DC 20005 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **MAY 30, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M**, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 2028 in Square 0315, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the **District of Columbia**, on AUGUST 2, 2007 as Instrument Number: 2007101651.

The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $25,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 60 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid sixty (60) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Trustees' File No. 19-900058

JAMES E. CLARKE and HUGH J. GREEN
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC.

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840 Trustees Sale - DC

Pardo & Drazin, LLC
Russell S. Drazin, Attorney
4400 Jenifer Street, NW, Suite 2
Washington, DC 20015
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

1811 Kendall Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Lot 0827 in Square 4047

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated August 29, 2019 and recorded on September 5, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019095135 from UP AND UP RE LLC, as grantor, to Daniel Huertas, as trustee, for the benefit of WCP Fund I, LLC, as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note dated August 29, 2019 in the principal amount of $596,800.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the mailing and recordation of a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee removing Daniel Huertas as trustee and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Substitute Trustee") as successor trustee, an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure, and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, (Please Note: In the event that the office building at 5335 Wisconsin Ave. NW is closed, all scheduled Washington, DC sales will take place at the front entrance door of the Chevy Chase Pavilion) on

MAY 23, 2023 AT 2:10 PM

ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON (if any) situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 1811 Kendall Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Lot 0827 in Square 4047), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $60,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to Substitute Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including legal fees and costs, and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Substitute Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. Defaulting purchaser shall be liable to Substitute Trustee for legal fees and costs incurred by Substitute Trustee in connection with such default.

If Substitute Trustee is unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Substitute Trustee reserves the right, in Substitute Trustee's sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Russell S. Drazin, Substitute Trustee

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC.

May 9, 11, 15, 17, 19, 2023 12420286

840 Trustees Sale - DC

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

3305 E Street, SE
Washington, DC 20019
Lot 0808 in Square 5452

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated October 22, 2021 and recorded on October 22, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021140660 from GN Investment Properties, LLC, as grantor, to Daniel Huertas, as trustee, for the benefit of WCP Fund I LLC, as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note dated October 22, 2021 in the principal amount of $344,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the mailing and recordation of a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee removing Daniel Huertas as trustee and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Substitute Trustee") as successor trustee, an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure, and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, (Please Note: In the event that the office building at 5335 Wisconsin Ave. NW is closed, all scheduled Washington, DC sales will take place at the front entrance door of the Chevy Chase Pavilion) on

MAY 23, 2023 AT 2:00 PM

ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON (if any) situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 3305 E Street, SE, Washington, DC 20019 (Lot 0808 in Square 5452), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust. Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any.

Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $40,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to Substitute Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including legal fees and costs, and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Substitute Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. Defaulting purchaser shall be liable to Substitute Trustee for legal fees and costs incurred by Substitute Trustee in connection with such default.

If Substitute Trustee is unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Substitute Trustee reserves the right, in Substitute Trustee's sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Russell S. Drazin, Substitute Trustee

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC.

May 9, 11, 15, 17, 19, 2023 12420285

840 Trustees Sale - DC

ORLANS PC
1602 VILLAGE MARKET BLVD. SE, SUITE 310
LEESBURG, VA 20175
703-777-7101

1402 18TH PLACE SE,
WASHINGTON DC 20020

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case :2019 CA 004397 R(RP), the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 1402 18TH PLACE SE, WASHINGTON DC 20020. at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **MAY 30, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M**, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0020 in Square 5567, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the **District of Columbia**, on OCTOBER 22, 2018 as Instrument Number: 2008105630.

The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $40,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 60 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

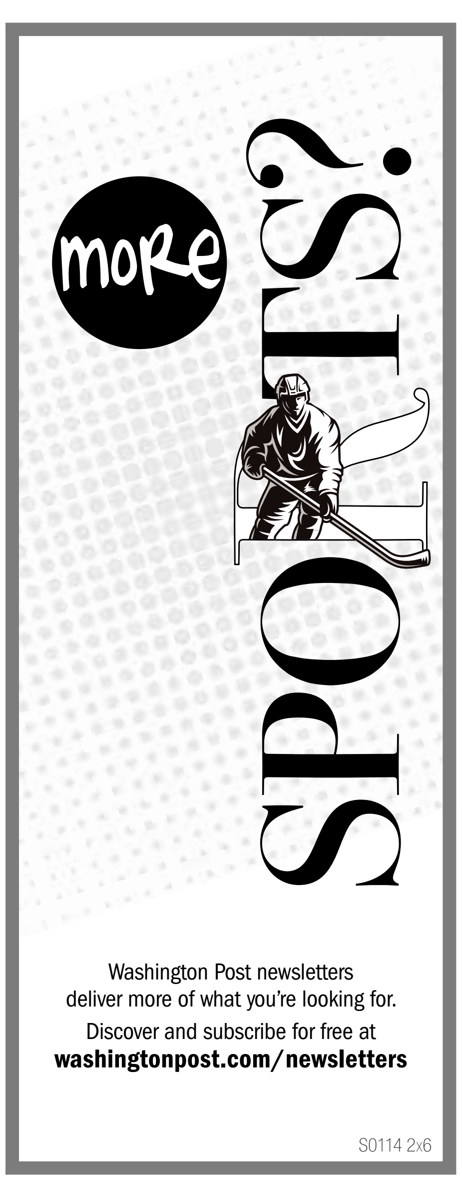
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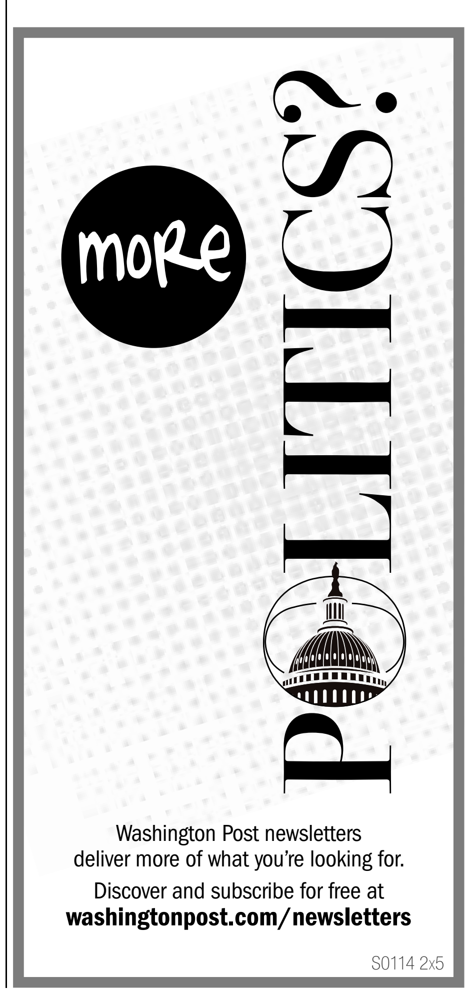
If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid sixty (60) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Trustees' File No 20-006182

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By virtue of a certain Deed of Trust duly recorded in the land records of the **District of Columbia** on December 17, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021164061 (the "Deed of Trust") and in accordance with the Notice of Foreclosure dated and recorded April 21, 2023, Public law 90-566, and at the request of the party secured by the Deed of Trust, the Substitute Trustee having been substituted for the trustee(s) named in said Deed of Trust, will sell, at public auction, at the office of HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS INC., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, **(Please Note: In the event that the office building at 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW is closed, all scheduled Washington, DC sales will take place at the front entrance door of the Chevy Chase Pavilion, 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20015)**, on **May 25, 2023 at 3:00 P.M.** some or all of the property described in said Deed of Trust, including certain land and premises, situate in the District of Columbia, and being now known for purposes of assessment and taxation as Lot 0842, Square 0513, and more particularly described as follows:

Part of original lot 16 in Square 513 as per plat recorded in Liber 71 at folio 138 in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia and being described as follows: Beginning for the same on the line of 5th Street, West at a point distant 15 feet 3 inches North of the Southwest corner of said Lot; thence North on said Street 16 feet: thence East 80 feet: thence South 6 feet: thence West 80 feet to the place of beginning.

Said property being now known for assessment and taxation purposes as Lot 842 in Square 513 (the "Property").

Terms of Sale

The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition and the purchaser shall assume the risk of loss or damage to the property after the time of the foreclosure sale. Neither the Trustee, the party secured by the Deed of Trust, the auctioneer, nor any of their respective agents, successors or assigns (collectively, the "Selling Parties") make any representation or warranties, express or implied, with respect to the Property, or any tenancies or parties in possession, including without limitation, the description, use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, habitability, marketability, or insurability (hazard or title), subdivision, zoning, environmental condition, compliance with building codes or other laws (such as Americans with Disabilities Act), ordinances or regulations, fitness for a particular purpose, or merchantability of all or any part of the Property. The purchaser waives and releases the Selling Parties from any and all claims the purchaser or the purchaser's successors or assigns may have now or may have in the future relating to the sale or the condition of the Property. The Property will be sold subject to rights of parties in possession, any building or housing violations, easements, agreements, restrictions, terms, rights of way, covenants, conditions, rights of redemption, other encumbrances, statutes, if any, affecting the Property, whether or not of record and all statutes, ordinances or court rules, including any lien for unpaid condominium assessments pursuant to D.C. Code § 42-1903.13, if applicable, to the extent such things have priority over the Deed of Trust and to the extent such things survive the foreclosure sale. The Property is also sold subject to a post-sale audit of the status of the loan. All interested bidders are specifically encouraged to review all federal, state and local statutes, ordinances, and court rules concerning the Property and to contact the appropriate governmental authorities prior to the sale date regarding the Property, including without limitation, encumbrances, liens, violations, permitted uses and the requirements, if any, for registration, obtaining possession, cure of violations, construction, completion, or development. The Trustee will not deliver possession to the purchaser, who shall be solely responsible for obtaining possession of the property.

A deposit of $70,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in the form of a certified check, or in such other form as the Trustee may determine, in his sole discretion. Whenever the purchaser is also the party secured by the said Deed of Trust, payment of the required deposit and purchase price is made by crediting the amount thereof to the indebtedness. The balance in cash or immediately available funds, with interest at seven and ninety-nine hundredths per centum (7.99%) per annum from the date of sale to the date of settlement or the balance of the proceeds are received by the Trustee, whichever is later, shall be paid within thirty (30) days after the date of sale. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The party secured by the Deed of Trust shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER.

Real property taxes, water charges, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. Conveyance of the Property shall be by Trustee's Deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied, specifically including marketability or insurability (hazard or title), unless otherwise required by statute, court rule or the Deed of Trust. In the event the Trustee is unable for any reason to convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be to request and receive a return of the deposit. Upon return of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Trustee.

Compliance with terms of sale shall be made within thirty (30) days after the date of sale or the deposit shall be forfeited. In the event of a default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and trustee's commission) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit as determined by the Trustee unless expressly prohibited by statute, court rule or the Deed of Trust. The Trustee may then readvertise and resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser (such risk and cost shall include any attorney's fees or costs in connection with all litigation, including appeals, involving the Property or the proceeds of a resale; or contesting the Selling Parties' right to conduct a resale; or seeking to invalidate this sale unless expressly prohibited by statute, court rule or the Deed of Trust; and, if the defaulting purchaser has received any 'rent' from any occupant or tenant of the Property such amount received shall be promptly delivered to the Trustee; or, without reselling the Property, the Trustee may avail himself of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser). In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser. This advertisement, as amended or supplemented by any oral announcements during the conduct of the sale, constitutes the entire terms upon which the property shall be offered for sale.

Benjamin P. Smith, Trustee

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4530 DIX STREET NE, WASHINGTON DC 20019

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in Case :2019 CA 001271 R(RP), the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 4530 DIX STREET NE, WASHINGTON DC 20019 at a public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **MAY 30, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M**, the land and premises situated in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being Lot 0826 in Square 5133, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the **District of Columbia**, on SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 as Instrument Number: 2002112856..

The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $15,000.00 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 60 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Mable L. Rahman and Bettie M. Porter dated March 9, 2007 and recorded in Liber 27492, folio 141 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 6, 2023 AT 11:17 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #18-1987304.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $36,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-002290-MD-F-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

6710 PINE GROVE DR. SUITLAND, MD 20746

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Bridgett C. Grimball dated February 7, 2017 and recorded in Liber 39260, folio 171 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 6, 2023 AT 11:13 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #06-0567826.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $21,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-001853-MD-F-1.

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7419 DRUMLEA RD. CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Vernell E. Harris dated October 4, 2006 and recorded in Liber 26550, folio 610 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 6, 2023 AT 11:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #18-2038693.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $28,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-000351-MD-F-1.

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9302 PINE VIEW LN. CLINTON, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Veronica Faison-Gee and Samuel Gee dated May 30, 2007 and recorded in Liber 28134, folio 579 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 6, 2023 AT 11:11 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #09-0876599.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $34,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-001674-MD-F-1.

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1805 VILLAGE GREEN DR. HYATTSVILLE, MD 20785

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Joann L. Belt a/k/a Princess Hawkins Belt f/k/a Joan L. Belt dated February 10, 2006 and recorded in Liber 25544, folio 108 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 6, 2023 AT 11:09 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and described as Unit No. X-128 in Phase Three, Windmill Square Condominium and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #13-1460476.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $10,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-001748-MD-F-1.

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4803 OSAGE ST. COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Misael H. Alvarenga dated March 10, 2006 and recorded in Liber 24756, folio 5 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JUNE 6, 2023 AT 11:07 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #21-2341873.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $35,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-001026-MD-F-1.

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807 CEDAR AVE. NORTH BEACH, MD 20714

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 10, 2008, recorded in Liber 20490, Folio 430 among the Land Records of **Anne Arundel County**, MD, with an original principal balance of $510,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

JUNE 6, 2023 AT 9:25 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 356124-1)

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**176 CARROLL RD.
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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 8, 2008, recorded in Liber 19896, Folio 191 among the Land Records of **Anne Arundel County**, MD, with an original principal balance of $275,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

JUNE 6, 2023 AT 9:21 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $19,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 355029-1)

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**1772 POPLAR RIDGE RD.
PASADENA, MD 21122**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 28, 2019, recorded in Liber 33368, Folio 251 among the Land Records of **Anne Arundel County**, MD, with an original principal balance of $284,747.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

JUNE 6, 2023 AT 9:23 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $28,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 354601-1)

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**774 TOBBIN CT.
SEVERN, MD 21144**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 2, 2013, recorded in Liber 26572, Folio 150 among the Land Records of **Anne Arundel County**, MD, with an original principal balance of $224,867.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

JUNE 6, 2023 AT 9:19 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $19,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 361596-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

**903 GUNNISON COURT
GAMBRILLS, MD 21054**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Jeffrey Muller, and Tammy Muller, dated June 19, 2006 and recorded in Liber 18043, Folio 573 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of $580,000.00, and an original interest rate of 4.500%, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

June 6, 2023 AT 9:35 AM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $42,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. At the Substitute Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity. The purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of foreclosure auction to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, or front foot benefit payments, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, ground rent, or condo/HOA assessments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of foreclosure auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser shall fail to comply with the terms of the sale or fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may, in addition to any other available remedies, declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute Trustees, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on himself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. In such event, the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of resale, reasonable attorney's fees, and all other charges due and incidental and consequential damages, and any deficiency in the underlying secured debt. The purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 444889)

This property will be sold subject to the IRS right of redemption for a period of 120 days after the sale.

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**1078 BRIGHTLEAF CT.
ARNOLD, MD 21012**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 29, 2007, recorded in Liber 19749, Folio 45 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $185,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

MAY 23, 2023 AT 9:23 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $18,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 359198-2)

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**8166 FOREST GLEN DR.
PASADENA, MD 21122**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated April 16, 2012, recorded in Liber 24635, Folio 469 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $74,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

MAY 23, 2023 AT 9:21 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #03-295-02781800 and #03-295-02781840.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $5,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 349187-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**343 RAMBLING RIDGE CT.
PASADENA, MD 21122**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 31, 2019, recorded in Liber 33217, Folio 346 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $233,689.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

MAY 23, 2023 AT 9:17 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $22,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 359928-1)

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**188 RYAN RD.
PASADENA, MD 21122**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 7, 2007, recorded in Liber 18836, Folio 625 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $205,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

MAY 23, 2023 AT 9:19 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $21,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 355146-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

**12248 PIUTE CT.
LUSBY, MD 20657**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from David T. Johnson, Jr. and Skyla J. Whalen dated April 23, 2021 and recorded in Liber 5947, folio 382 among the Land Records of Calvert County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Calvert County, at the Court House Door, 175 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678, on

JUNE 6, 2023 AT 3:10 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Calvert County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #01-217305.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $29,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Calvert County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-002044-MD-F-2.

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Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated March 23, 2012, and recorded in Liber 3899, folio 527, of the land records of **CALVERT COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $232,653.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE CALVERT COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 175 MAIN ST, PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678 ON,

JUNE 1, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in CALVERT COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 02-046857

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $20,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 4.00% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-075219)

Keith Yacko, David Williamson,
Bryson Stephen, Thomas Gartner,
Substitute Trustees

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, LLC
300 E. Joppa Road
Hampton Plaza - Suite 1103
Baltimore, MD 21286
410-769-9797
www.hwestauctions.com

May 17, 24, 31, 2023 12419133

877 Spotsylvania County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

DIANA THEOLOGOU,
Substitute Trustee, et al,
Plaintiffs,

v.

ESTATE OF ETHEL THOMAS, ET. AL.,
Defendant(s)

Case No. C-16-CV-23-000276

NOTICE

ORDERED this **1 day of May, 2023** by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S County, Maryland, that the sale of the property at **8921 Town Center Circle #308, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774** , mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported Diana Theologou, et. al, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **1 day of June, 2023** next, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in some newspaper published in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **1 day of June, 2023** next.

The report states the amount of sale to be **$250,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County, Maryland

May 10, 17, 24, 2023 12422206

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

KEITH YACKO, et al,
Substitute Trustee,
Plaintiff,

v.

ANTHONY E. YARBER AND VALERIE L.B. YARBER, et al,
Defendants.

Case No.CAEF22-22276

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **2 day of May, 2023,** that the sale of the property in this case, **10813 TRILLUM TERRACE UPPER MARLBORO. MD 20772,** reported by Jennifer Deardorff, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **2 day of June, 2023,** provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in WASHINGTON POST, a newspaper published in PRINCE GEORGE'S County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **2 day of June, 2023**

The report states the amount of sale to be **$436,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin#769
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County, MD

May 10, 17, 24, 2023 12421996

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

DIANA THEOLOGOU,
Substitute Trustee, et al,
Plaintiffs,

v.

ARCHIE S. BOWMAN, SR., ET. AL.,
Defendant(s)

Case No. CAEF22-17075

NOTICE

ORDERED this **18 day of April, 2023** by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S County, Maryland, that the sale of the property at **6804 99th Avenue, Lanham, MD 20706** , mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported Diana Theologou, et. al, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **18 day of May, 2023** next, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in some newspaper published in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **18 day of May, 2023** next.

The report states the amount of sale to be **$121,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County, Maryland

May 3, 10, 17, 2023 12421640



877 Spotsylvania County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Eric D. Vandelinde
Substitute Trustee

Versus

Charlotte Burley, et al.
Defendant

No. C-02-CV-22-000275

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Wednesday, May 10, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **Eric D. Vandeline, Substitute Trustee**

BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **9th** day of **June 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **9th** day of **June 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **158 SEAGULL DRIVE, PASADENA, MD 21122** to be **$234,962.99.**

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County, M.D.

May 17, 24, 31, 2023 12422474

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Jeffrey S. Greenberg
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Hibernia BWI Hotel LP,
Defendant

No. C-02-CV-21-001620

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Wednesday, April 26, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by Jeffrey S. Greenberg, Substitute Trustee

BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **26th day of May 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **26th day of May 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **1743 WEST NURSERY ROAD, LINTHICUM HEIGHTS, MD 21090** to be **$30,050,000.00.**

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County MD

May 3, 10, 17, 2023 12421000



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873 Prince William County

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY AT

18270 Richmond Hwy
Dumfries, VA 22026

In execution of that certain Deed of Trust dated September 30, 2019 recorded among the land records of **Prince William County**, Virginia (the "Land Records") on October 1, 2019 as Instrument 201910010071854 (the "Deed of Trust"), default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, the undersigned will offer for sale at public auction on

May 31, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

in the front of the main entrance to the Circuit Court of Prince William County Courthouse, 9311 Lee Ave., City of Manassas, VA 20110, all of that certain parcel of land located in Prince William County, Virginia (together with all improvements and fixtures thereon, if any, and all other rights and property encumbered and otherwise defined in the Deed of Trust) described as follows:

Property Description

All that certain lot or parcel of land known as Parcel A1, containing 2. 36578 acres or 103,054 square feet, more or less, as the same appears duly dedicated platted and recorded in Instrument No. 201504220030684

And being part of the same property acquired by virtue of an instrument recorded in the land records of Prince William County, Virginia as Instrument No. 202110050114422.

Street Address
18270 Richmond Hwy
Dumfries, VA 22026

Tax Map No. 8188-67-4851

TERMS OF SALE: CASH. A bidder's deposit of **Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00)**, or ten percent (10%) of the sales price, whichever is less, by cash or by certified or cashier's check, will be required at the time of sale with the balance due at settlement, which will be held on or before thirty (30) days from the date of sale at the offices of the trustee. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

All costs of the conveyance, which shall be by special warranty deed, are to be at the cost of the purchaser. Past due real estate taxes, if any, are to be paid from proceeds of sale and real estate taxes for the current year to be adjusted to the date of sale.

The sale is subject to (i) all filed and unfiled mechanic's liens and all other applicable senior liens and encumbrances, if any, affecting the Property that have priority over the Deed of Trust and (ii) all covenants, conditions, restrictions, rights-of-way, easements, declarations, and reservations, if any, contained in the deeds and any other documents forming the chain of title thereto.

THE PROPERTY, AND ALL THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROPERTY, IF ANY, SHALL BE CONVEYED IN "AS IS" CONDITION AND WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY AS TO THE PHYSICAL CONDITION, FREEDOM FROM STRUCTURAL DEFECTS,

CONSTRUCTION IN A WORKMANLIKE MANNER, FITNESS FOR HABITATION, EXTENT OF ZONING, OR ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS.

Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale and shall be contained in a memorandum of sale which the successful bidder shall be required to sign. The memorandum of sale is available for review at the offices of the undersigned Substitute Trustee during normal business hours prior to the sale.

If the Substitute Trustee deems it best for any reason at any time to postpone or continue this sale from time to time, such notice of postponement or setting over will be announced in a manner deemed reasonable by the Substitute Trustee and in accordance with the Deed of Trust and Virginia law.

ROBERT B. BAUMGARTNER
Substitute Trustee
44365 Premier Plaza #110
Ashburn, Virginia 20147

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Robert B. Baumgartner, Esquire
Pohlman Law Group, PLC
44365 Premier Plaza #110
Ashburn, Virginia 20147
(703) 218-8322

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023 12421311

877 Spotsylvania County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF

6210 JOHN WAYNE DR, FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22407

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated June 14, 2005, in the original principal amount of $134,375.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for **Spotsylvania County**, Virginia as Instrument No. 200500024165 . The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Spotsylvania County, 9107 Judicial Center Lane, Spotsylvania, Virginia on **June 15, 2023, at 2:30 PM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows:

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 1391, PAGE 726, ID# 23B-120334, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 334, SECTION NINE, OAK GROVE TERRACE, FILED IN PLAT BOOK 441, PAGE 9, RECORDED 03/07/1978. ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE LYING AND BEING IN COURTLAND MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DESCRIBED AS LOT 334, SECTION NINE, OAK GROVE TERRACE, AS SHOWN AND DESCRIBED ON PLAT PREPARED BY SULLIVAN, DONAHOE AND INGALLS, ENGINEERS, LAND PLANNERS AND SURVEYORS, DATED DECEMBER 30, 1977, ENTITLED "PLAT OF SUBDIVISION , SECTION SEVEN, EIGHT, AND NINE, OAK GROVE TERRACE", AND RECORDED MARCH 7, 1978, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 441 AT PAGE 9 SUBJECT TO THE CERTAIN DEED OF DEDICATION DATED MARCH 2, 1978, AND RECORDED IN AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 441 AT PAGE 9.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically.

This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation.

Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229.

For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555,
website: www.bwwsales.com.
VA-363105-1.

May 10, 17, 2023 12418909

877 Spotsylvania County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF

4306 ARTILLERY RIDGE RD, FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22408

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated February 27, 2004, in the original principal amount of $222,500.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for **Spotsylvania County**, Virginia as Instrument No. 200400007836 . The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Spotsylvania County, 9107 Judicial Center Lane, Spotsylvania, Virginia on **June 15, 2023, at 2:30 PM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LEE HILL MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, KNOWN AS LOT 8-B, PARK VIEW SUBDIVISION, AND MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED ON A PLAT PREPARED BY SULLIVAN DONAHOE & INGALLS DATED JUNE 25, 2001, AND A 15 FOOT WIDE SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT AS SHOWN ON A PLAT PREPARED BY SULLIVAN DONAHOE & INGALLS DATED JULY 12, 2001, BOTH PLATS TO BE RECORDED ALONG WITH A DEED OF GIFT DATED JULY 13, 2001, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 1996 AT PAGE 824.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically.

This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation.

Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229.

For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555,
website: www.bwwsales.com.
VA-363083-1.

May 10, 17, 2023 12419221

873 Prince William County

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE

8850 Olde Mill Run, Manassas, VA 20110

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated July 31, 2018 and recorded at Instrument Number 201808010056621 in the Clerk's Office for the Prince William County Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally $346,750.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Circuit Court for Prince William County located at 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110.

June 09, 2023 at 1:00 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, lying and being situated in the City of Manassas, Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Lot Five (5) Section Three (3), "Kinsley Mill", as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 1233, at page 1208, among the land records of Prince William County, Virginia.

AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of $20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of $470.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
(Attorney for the Secured Party)
4340 East West Highway, Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
301-907-8000
www.rosenberg-assoc.com

May 10, 17, 2023 12419042

877 Spotsylvania County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF

11603 LITTLE BAY HARBOR WAY, SPOTSYLVANIA, VA 22551

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated July 25, 2006, in the original principal amount of $721,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for **Spotsylvania County**, Virginia as Instrument No. 200600027443 . The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Spotsylvania County, 9107 Judicial Center Lane, Spotsylvania, Virginia on **June 15, 2023, at 2:30 PM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN CHANCELLOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DESCRIBED AS LOT 490, SECTION 12, LITTLE BAY HARBOR, FAWN LAKE, AS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON PLAT OF SUBDIVISION ENTITLED "FAWN LAKE SECTION 12 LITTLE BAY HARBOR", DATED OCTOBER 17, 2001, REVISED DECEMBER 10, 2001, PREPARED BY THE ENGINEERING GROUPE, INC., AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT FILE 8, PAGES 418-424.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically.

This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation.

Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229.

For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555,
website: www.bwwsales.com.
VA-341908-1.

May 10, 17, 2023 12419223

877 Spotsylvania County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF

11808 CLARENCE DRIVE, FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22407

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated September 6, 2019, in the original principal amount of $249,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for **Spotsylvania County**, Virginia as Instrument No. 190014861 . The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Spotsylvania County, 9107 Judicial Center Lane, Spotsylvania, Virginia on **June 15, 2023, at 2:30 PM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND ALL RIGHT AND PRIVILEGES APPURTENANT THERETO, LYING AND BEING IN CHANCELLOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS LOT 93, SECTION 4, CAMELOT SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN PLAT FILE 2 AT PAGES 258 AND 261.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically.

This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation.

Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229.

For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555,
website: www.bwwsales.com.
VA-359104-1.

May 10, 17, 2023 12419224



870 Arlington County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF

867 N MADISON ST, ARLINGTON, VA 22205

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $938,250.00, with an annual interest rate of 7.062000% dated August 26, 2015, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the **Arlington County** as Deed Instrument Number 20150100019551, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the Arlington County, at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Arlington located at 1425 N. Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia on **June 14, 2023 at 3:00 PM**, the property with improvements to wit:

LT 17 CRESTHILL 6719 SQ FT

Tax Map No. 12-009-007

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: FHA. Reference Number 23-293036.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

April 11, 2023
May 10, 17, 2023 12419244

877 Spotsylvania County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF

11420 SILVERLEAF LANE, FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22407

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 3, 2005, in the original principal amount of $280,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for **Spotsylvania County**, Virginia as Instrument No. 200500042522 . The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Spotsylvania County, 9107 Judicial Center Lane, Spotsylvania, Virginia on **June 15, 2023, at 2:30 PM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 137, OF SECTION THREE OF HARVESTDALE SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SUBDIVISION/HARVESTDALE/SECTION 3, DATED MAY 5, 1988 AND CERTIFIED BY DEXTER HUBBARD, JR., P.E., AND BY EVERETT D. GRISSOM, P.L.S., A COPY OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 827, AT PAGE 354, ET SEQ.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically.

This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation.

Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229.

For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555,
website: www.bwwsales.com.
VA-352574-1.

May 10, 17, 2023 12419131



878 Stafford County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF

5 SEVIER ST, STAFFORD, VA 22556

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated July 19, 2016, in the original principal amount of $272,783.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for **Stafford County**, Virginia as Instrument No. 160013277 . The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Stafford County, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, Virginia on **June 15, 2023, at 12:00 PM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF STAFFORD, VIRGINIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 239, PHASE TWO, SECTION 6, VISTA WOODS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SUBDIVISION MADE BY GILBERT W. CLIFFORD AND ASSOCIATES, INC., DATED AUGUST 29, 1986 AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 14, AT PAGE 88.

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878 Stafford County

TRUSTEE SALE

8 Glen Allen Court, Fredericksburg, VA 22405
Stafford County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $626,617.00, dated December 28, 2012 recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the **Stafford County**, Virginia, in Document No. 130000234, at the request of the holder of the Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the Judicial Center, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, on **June 20, 2023 at 10:00 AM** the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 538, Section 5A, Leeland Station, with any improvements thereon

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TERMS OF SALE: CASH: A deposit of $20,000.00 or 10% of the sales price, whichever is lower, cash or certified check will be required at the time of sale, but no more than $10,000.00 of cash will be accepted, with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale which affects the validity of the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we advise you that this firm is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C.,
Substitute Trustee

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879 Culpeper County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF

783 DOVE LANE, CULPEPER, VA 22701

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated November 22, 2013, in the original principal amount of $224,935.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for **Culpeper County**, Virginia as Instrument No. 130007765 . The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Culpeper County, at the corner of West Davis Street and North West Street in the Town of Culpeper on **June 15, 2023, at 10:15 AM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: LOT 494, LAKEVIEW OF CULPEPER, PHASE 9A, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN INSTRUMENT NO. 050006027, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF CULPEPER COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

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THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND FRONTING ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF WOLFE STREET IN THE CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA CONTAINING 2,503 SQUARE FEET, KNOWN AS 318 WOLFE STREET, AND DESIGINATED AS "MARIE ROLLINS 2503 SF", ON PLAT OF PROPERTY LINE ADJUSTMENT", DATED DECEMBER 7, 2001, MADE BY BARTLETT CONSULTANTS LTD., AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA ALONG WITH THE DEED OF LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT, RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 020000915, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEDGES THERETO APPURTENANT. THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO THE CONTINUED USE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OVER THE DRIVEWAY RUNNING ALONG THE EASTERN PART OF THE PROPERTY HEREBY CONVEYED AND THE WESTERN PART OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 316 WOLFE STREET FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF THE OWNERS OF BOTH PROPERTIES FOR THE PASSAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO AND FROM WOLFE STREET, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PRINCESS ANNE STREET AND THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WOLFE STREET (AS SHOWN ON ROYER'S MAP OF MAY, 1916); THENCE SOUTH 63 DEGREES 15' 34" WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF WOLFE STREET 277.67 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE SOUTH 63 DEGREES, 15' 34" WEST 7.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 27 DEGREES 47' 18" EAST 109.22 FEET; THENCE NORTH 49 DEGREES, 52' 36" EAST 7.16 FEET; THENCE NORTH 27 DEGREES, 47' 18" WEST 107.56 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 758.61 FEET, OR 0.0174 ACRE. A PORTION OF THE PROPERETY HEREIN CONVEYED IS THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED UNTO THE GRANTORS HEREIN BY DEED DATED AUGUST 2, 2001, AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 010001606. A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN CONVEYED UNTO THE GRANTORS HEREIN BY DEED OF LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT DATED JANUARY 17, 2002, AND RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 020000915.

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Musician and vegan chef Denai Moore just released her first cookbook, "Plentiful," and has three albums. She moved to England from Jamaica when she was 9 and works to adapt the food of her youth to her current way of eating.

Changing the tune about Jamaican food

Denai Moore sees parallels in her music and vegan cooking

BY MAYUKH SEN
Special to The Washington Post

In 2019, when the chef and musician Denai Moore was operating a stall at the London Jerk Festival, a celebration of that cherished Jamaican cooking tradition, people looked askance at her, as if they were wondering what she was even doing there. She was the only vegan vendor that day, hawking her plant-based jerk ribs to stares of bewilderment.

"A lot of people just didn't get it, or didn't understand what I would be cooking," Moore, 29, said one day in April from her home in Margate, the seaside hamlet in southeast England. Perhaps they thought that vegan food was bland by design, that it couldn't be flavorsome. That the Jamaican food she'd been eating all her life couldn't possibly be malleable to vegan interpretations.

This impulse — to challenge expectations, sometimes even from within her own community, of the stereotypes bracketing Jamaican cooking — forms the lifeblood of Moore's debut cookbook, "Plentiful: Vegan Jamaican Recipes to Repeat," out now in the United States from Hardie Grant. No matter where a cook is on the spectrum of plant-based eating, Moore makes room for everyone. Some recipes lean on supermarket simulacrums of meat and dairy: A

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RECIPES
Potatoes With Herby Tofu Crema and Cashew-Nori Chile Oil **E4** • Plantain Gnocchi in Coconut-Garlic Sauce **Online**

52 breads in 52 weeks is a year with no loafing

What started as a distraction has become an ongoing habit, with lessons in patience and perseverance.

BY DIANE BATCHIK
Special to The Washington Post

I bake bread — a lot of bread. It's long been my passion. So much so that last year I challenged myself to bake at least one new bread recipe every week. I met that goal, and even exceeded it. French, Italian, Polish, Japanese, Ukrainian, Middle Eastern, Norwegian, Filipino, Irish, ancient grains, seeded, cheesy, savory and a few sweet breads — you name it and I baked it; some successfully, others less so.

But at the end of 2022 I still had recipes left on my to-be-baked list, so I'm continuing the challenge. Thus far, 2023 has seen pane bianco, Swedish limpa bread, bagels, a classic French boule with poolish, some intriguing blueberry muffins with turmeric to inflict on unsuspecting houseguests.

SEE BREAD ON E8

RECIPE ON E8
Helsinki Buttermilk Rye (Sturenkadun Piimalimppu)



FARRAH SKEIKY FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Diane Batchik, in her kitchen with some of the breads she's made recently, spent 2022 baking a different kind of loaf every week and has continued the challenge this year. "I've always found it a healthy distraction to play with flour," she writes.

Lemon posset is pudding that's deceptively simple

BY G. DANIELA GALARZA

Lush but light, lemon posset is a creamy dessert that sidesteps all of the usual requirements of a custard. It contains no eggs nor starch nor gelatin. It takes mere minutes to mix up on a stovetop, and then sets into a silky, spoonable pudding after a spell in the fridge.

I learned about the British recipe while working as a pastry cook in Paris. The first time I was tasked with making it, I was almost sure someone was playing a trick on me. All I had to do was boil cream and sugar, mix in some lemon juice, pour it into glasses and put those in the refrigerator? I tried to question the chef, but he waved me away. Nervously, I made the recipe as instructed. I went back to check on the possets a few hours later. To my surprise, they were no longer liquid and had taken on the texture of a baked custard.

Later, I learned more about this chemical magic trick. Anyone who has made cheese knows that when you add acid to dairy, it starts to clump. The fat in heavy cream

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Lemon Posset

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A family's culinary chronicle, seen through kung pao

Ann Maloney
DINNER IN MINUTES

When I picked up "The Woks of Life," a cookbook written by the Leung family, I felt a pang of envy. Inside is something many of us would be thrilled to have: mom-and-dad-approved recipes interspersed with stories and photos — even a timeline — of one family's history.

The cookbook grew out of the family's decade-old recipe blog of the same name, which began when the younger Leungs realized that while they had inherited their parents' love of cooking, they did not know how to make the food they grew up eating.

"This book and our blog together are kind of like a family album," said Sarah Leung, who co-wrote the book during the pandemic with her parents, Bill and Judy, and younger sister, Kaitlin. "We call our blog culinary genealogy. We wanted the blog to be our family's story as told through food."

"We grew up in a food-obsessed family," she said, noting that she and her sister learned to cook from TV hosts, such as Rachael Ray and Ina Garten, and cookbooks like "The Joy of Cooking."

For home-cooked meals, the sisters might make rice or wash vegetables, but "my parents were at the wok, adding the ingredients. My sister and I didn't really learn that aspect."

"Honestly, my 22-year-old self had no idea how to make anything in this cookbook, and now I'm developing a quarter of these recipes myself," Sarah said. "Over time, we've achieved our goal: My sister and I are competent Chinese cooks."

They've also amassed more than 1,000 recipes on their website, which has attracted such a loyal following since it began in 2013 that, in 2019, Sarah began working for it full time.

Both the blog and the cookbook feature dishes as they might be made in a Chinese home and in restaurants throughout China as well as in Chinese American takeout restaurants.

"All have equal importance, but they are different," Sarah said, adding that the family discussed how to be respectful of each perspective. Her own family reflects some of that variation in approach: The patriarch, Bill, was born in New York, while their mother, Judy, was born in Shanghai and immigrated in 1983. Bill's father owned a Chinese takeout restaurant in New Jersey.

She said she hopes the recipes will appeal to Chinese Americans, like her family, but also those less familiar with Chinese cooking. For the uninitiated, Sarah suggests approaching the book this way: "First try a recipe you know. … Start with egg drop soup or beef with broccoli. You'll be like, 'Wow, I was able to make this dish that I know and I love, and it tastes like it is supposed to taste like.' It will build confidence." Then she suggests moving on to a dish you haven't tried before.

I started my exploration with the Kung Pao Chicken, a familiar favorite, but, as I made it, I realized it was quite different from the milder, saucier versions I grew up eating.

There's a reason for that, Sarah explained: Often in Chinese American restaurants, the food is made through a Cantonese lens, because many Chinese immigrants hailed from southern China.

"Kung pao is a dish you'll find in Sichuan restaurants in China, and that sets it apart from sesame chicken and General Tso chicken. If you ask for those dishes in China, they'd say, 'What is that?' "

Traditional kung pao should have an interplay of flavors and textures, with the chicken and scallions cut to be about the same size as the peanuts, so you get a little of each in every bite; the sauce must be a balance of heat and sweetness, "with no standing sauce" in the serving plate.

A light sprinkle of ground Sichuan peppercorns balances the heat from the chiles, she said.

The Kung Pao Chicken, like all the recipes in the cookbook, was tested and approved by all four family members before it was included.

How do the Leungs manage personalities and family hierarchies?

"In a nutshell: We're used to it," Sarah said. "After 10 years of doing this, we've found a good rhythm. We still argue and ruffle feathers, but we've learned to work together efficiently. Boundaries are really important. When we're in work mode, it's almost like we're colleagues rather than being family." For Sarah, the success of the cookbook is that it honors tradition as well as reflects modern interpretations, a blending of old and new. It also offers building blocks for home cooks who want to learn to cook Chinese food.

"I love the idea that Chinese cooking is becoming the domain of home cooks in the United States," she said. For too long, "it was a cuisine that many people were used to only eating out."

Kung Pao Chicken

2 to 3 servings

The Leung family, authors of the cookbook "The Woks of Life," lament the craze of "kung pao-ing the heck out of everything," noting that you can't just throw "peanuts into any wok full of meat and sauce and call it kung pao. The interplay of flavors and textures in this dish is key." Freshly ground Sichuan peppercorns give the dish its distinctive flavor.

If you are serving the dish with rice, put it on to cook before you start making this dish and it should be ready just before the kung pao is done.

This recipe calls for light and dark soy sauces. You can substitute regular low-sodium soy sauce, to taste, but it will have an impact on the final result.

Storage: Refrigerate for up to 4 days.

Where to buy: Sichuan peppercorns, Shaoxing wine, rice vinegar, and light and dark soy sauce can be found at Asian markets and online.

Adapted from "The Woks of Life" by Bill, Judy, Sarah and Kaitlin Leung (Clarkson Potter, 2022).

Ingredients

For the chicken

- 12 ounces boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon neutral oil, such as grapeseed or canola
- 1 teaspoon Shaoxing wine (may substitute Chinese rice wine or dry sherry)
- 1/8 teaspoon fine salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground white pepper

For the sauce

- 1 teaspoon rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon light soy sauce (see headnote)
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon dark soy sauce (see headnote)

For the rest of the dish

- 3 tablespoons neutral oil, such as grapeseed or canola, divided
- 3 medium garlic cloves, smashed and sliced
- 2 to 4 dried red chiles, seeded and crumbled into small pieces
- 1/2 cup sliced scallions, light green and white parts only (from 2 small bunches)
- 2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground Sichuan pepper (may substitute freshly cracked black pepper)
- 1 cup roasted unsalted peanuts (see NOTES)
- Cooked white rice, for serving

Steps

- Marinate the chicken: In a medium bowl, combine the chicken, water, cornstarch, oil, Shaoxing wine, salt and white pepper and toss to coat. Let marinate for 20 minutes.
- Make the sauce: Meanwhile, in a small bowl, whisk together the vinegar, light soy sauce, cornstarch, sugar and dark soy sauce.
- Assemble the dish: Heat your wok or large nonstick skillet over high heat until lightly smoking. Add 2 tablespoons of oil to coat the surface of the wok. Add the chicken in one layer and sear it undisturbed for 30 seconds, then stir-fry until the chicken turns opaque, 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer to a plate.
- Reduce the heat to low and add the remaining 1 tablespoon of oil. Add the garlic, chiles, scallions, ginger and Sichuan pepper. Stir-fry until the ginger and the garlic are fragrant and the scallions are lightly browned around the edges, about 2 minutes.
- Return the chicken to the wok, increase the heat to high, and stir-fry for 1 minute. Re-whisk the sauce so the cornstarch is incorporated, then add it to the wok and stir-fry until the sauce has thickened and clings to the chicken, about 1 minute. Remove from the heat and stir in the peanuts. Serve hot, with the rice.

Notes

- The amount of uncooked rice you'll need to yield 2 cups of cooked rice will vary depending on the chosen rice. For 2 cups of cooked long-grain white rice, rinse 2/3 cup of rice until the water runs clear. Then, place it in a small, lidded saucepan over medium-high heat. Add 1/2 teaspoon olive oil and stir to coat the rice. Add 1 1/2 cups of water and a pinch of salt, if desired, and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low, cover and simmer until the rice is tender and the water is absorbed, 10 to 15 minutes.
- The Leung family encourages you to "wok-roast" your own peanuts. Here's how: In a wok or skillet over medium-high heat, heat 1 teaspoon of neutral oil until it shimmers. Add 1 cup of raw peanuts and stir-fry constantly, to prevent burning, until slightly darkened, about 3 minutes. Turn off the heat and cook for 1 more minute using the residual heat of the wok. Transfer to a plate to cool.

Nutrition | Per serving (3/4 cup of kung pao, 1/2 cup rice), based on 3: 664 Calories, 41g Carbohydrates, 61mg Cholesterol, 42g Fat, 5g Fiber, 38g Protein, 5g Saturated Fat, 578mg Sodium, 6g Sugar

Recipe tested by Ann Maloney; email questions to food@washpost.com

The secret to this one-pot dish? Frozen artichokes.

Ellie Krieger
NOURISH

The spring week I spent in Sicily years ago, visiting my husband's extended family, forever changed the way I see artichokes. The vegetable was in peak season then, and they were so plentiful they showed up wherever you turned — piled high at the market, sold roadside from a truck (10 for 1 euro!), and featured in one creative way or another at nearly every meal we had.

You didn't hear me complaining — I loved every bite. Now, I reflexively associate spring with artichokes, despite the fact that I mostly cook with frozen artichoke hearts. That said, the season doesn't get by me without at least a few meals of fresh ones, either stuffed and baked, or steamed and served with a dipping sauce.

This healthful one-pot dinner brings artichokes into play in a take on one of my favorite Italian-American dishes, chicken scarpariello. The dish of braised chicken with peppers and sausage was one of my go-to orders as a kid when we got to eat at one of the family-run Italian restaurants near our home in Queens. Artichokes are not traditionally used in the braise, but they fit in beautifully, simmered until tender with all of the other ingredients, contributing lovely layers of flavor, color and nutrition.

Using frozen hearts makes it an effortless addition, and adding a modest amount of chicken sausage, slicing it thinly so there is some in each bite, imbues the dish with sausage flavor while keeping it lighter and more healthful overall. The amount of hot cherry peppers I call for here yields a definite but not overwhelming, mouth-tingling heat, but feel free to add more or less, or leave them out entirely, if you prefer.

Served with a hunk of crusty bread for sopping up the savory sauce, it's a comforting meal that might read as wintry if it weren't for the artichokes, which make it ring of spring.

Krieger is a registered dietitian nutritionist and cookbook author who hosts public television's "Ellie's Real Good Food." Learn more at elliekrieger.com.



TOM MCCORKLE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST; FOOD STYLING BY GINA NISTICO FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Braised Chicken With Artichokes, Peppers and Sausage

4 servings

Storage: Refrigerate for up to 4 days.

Active time: 35 mins; Total time: 1 hour

From cookbook author and registered dietitian nutritionist Ellie Krieger.

Ingredients

- 4 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 fully-cooked Italian chicken sausage link (about 3 ounces total), thinly sliced
- 4 bone-in chicken breast halves (about 3 pounds total), skin removed and patted dry
- 1/4 teaspoon fine salt, plus more to taste
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus more to taste
- 1 medium red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 medium yellow onion (8 ounces), halved and thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, sliced
- One (12-ounce) package frozen artichoke hearts (no need to defrost)
- 1/2 cup dry white wine, such as pinot grigio
- 1/4 cup sliced jarred hot cherry peppers, or to taste
- 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 large sprig fresh rosemary
- 1 teaspoon white wine vinegar
- Chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley, for garnish, optional

Steps

- In a large, deep skillet or Dutch oven over medium-high heat, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil until shimmering. Add the sausage and cook, stirring occasionally, until browned, about 3 minutes. Transfer to a large plate.
- Season the chicken with the salt and pepper. Add 2 more tablespoons of oil to the pan, then add 2 pieces of the chicken and brown them on both sides, about 2 minutes per side. Transfer the chicken to the plate with the sausage and repeat with the remaining chicken.
- Add the remaining 1 tablespoon of oil to the pan, then add the bell pepper and onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until the onions are translucent and beginning to brown, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and cook until aromatic, about 30 seconds. Add the artichokes, wine and hot peppers and bring to a boil. Cook until the wine is reduced by about half, about 2 minutes.
- Return the chicken and sausage to the pan, along with any accumulated juices, nestling the chicken into the vegetables. Add the broth and rosemary, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and simmer until the chicken is cooked through and registers 165 degrees on an instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the breast without touching the bone, about 25 minutes.
- Using a large slotted spoon, transfer the chicken and vegetables to a large bowl, and cover to keep warm.
- Bring the liquid to a boil over high heat and continue to boil, uncovered, until slightly thickened, about 5 minutes, then stir in the vinegar. Season to taste with additional salt and pepper.
- Serve the chicken and vegetables drizzled with the sauce and garnished with parsley, if using. (You can serve the extra sauce on the side, if you like.)

Nutrition | Per serving (1 piece of chicken, about 1 cup vegetables and 1/4 cup sauce): 486 Calories, 19g Carbohydrates, 123mg Cholesterol, 19g Fat, 5g Fiber, 55g Protein, 3g Saturated Fat, 534mg Sodium, 4g Sugar

Recipe tested by Kara Elder; email questions to food@washpost.com

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Be smart about fish: Fried catfish tacos are a tasty use for the invasive species



G. Daniela Galarza
EAT VORACIOUSLY

Fishing season begins soon in the Washington, Maryland and Virginia area, and though I'm not an angler, a few readers tipped me off to a distressing situation in the Chesapeake Bay.

"It would be wonderful if your column would post recipes for using blue catfish, which is local, sustainable and taking over the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries," Kathy Tillman of Columbia, Md., wrote. "If everyone in the area consumed catfish it would help the bay!"

According to the Chesapeake Bay program, "blue catfish and its cousin, the flathead catfish, were introduced into Virginia waters by the state several decades ago to establish a recreational fishery. Since that time, these large, long-lived fish have expanded throughout much of the Chesapeake Bay region."

Because catfish live longer, multiply rapidly, grow large enough to consume a variety of prey and adapt easily to different environments, they're negatively affecting the ecosystem of local waters, causing declines in native species by as much as 91 percent, according to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Striped bass, shad, herring, Atlantic sturgeon, blue crab and more local species are affected. In March, Maryland Gov. Wes Moore asked the federal government to declare the expanding population of blue catfish, flathead catfish and snakehead a commercial fishery disaster.

My local grocers and fishmongers carry blue catfish, so I decided to buy some and play around with it in the kitchen. Catfish fillets are firm and white, larger than tilapia and more iridescent than cod, but just as easy to cook. The flavor is rather mild, a little like rockfish or striped bass. It's nice fried in butter with capers and lemon zest. It stays moist when covered in mustard and dill and roasted. But I liked it most when I fried it Southern-style — dunked in buttermilk, dredged in a seasoned cornmeal and flour mixture and fried it until crisp.

You could certainly do that with whole catfish fillets, but I decided to turn my Southern-style fried catfish nuggets into tacos. A cabbage and radish slaw, with lots of lime juice and cilantro, gives these tacos extra crunch. Ripe avocado offers a creamy contrast to the fried fish, and a squeeze of lime perks up each bite.

This is from our Eat Voraciously newsletter, which delivers a quick dinner recipe four days a week, Monday through Thursday. Sign up at *wapo.st/evnewsletter.*



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Catfish Tacos With Radish Slaw

2 to 3 servings

These extra-crispy fish tacos call for catfish, but any firm white fish works well. Cajun or Creole seasoning gives the fish some heat, as does a splash of hot sauce.

Storage: Refrigerate the slaw for up to 4 days.

From staff writer G. Daniela Galarza.

Ingredients

For the fish

- ½ cup well-shaken buttermilk
- 1 tablespoon hot sauce, such as Tabasco, Frank's or Trappey's
- ⅓ cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup finely ground yellow cornmeal
- 1 tablespoon Cajun or Creole seasoning
- 8 ounces skinless catfish fillets, rinsed and patted dry
- Neutral oil, such as canola or grapeseed

For the slaw

- 3 ounces small red cabbage (about 1 ½ cups) shredded or thinly sliced
- 4 small red radishes, thinly sliced
- 4 stems fresh cilantro, finely chopped, plus more for serving
- Finely grated zest and juice of 2 limes, plus more lime wedges for serving
- Fine salt (optional)
- 1 pinch granulated sugar

For the tacos

- Six (6-inch) tortillas, preferably flour, warmed
- 1 ripe avocado, preferably Hass, sliced

Steps

- Line a baking sheet or plate with a clean paper bag or towels and place it near the stove.
- In a medium bowl, stir together the buttermilk and hot sauce until combined.
- In another medium bowl, whisk together the flour, cornmeal, and Cajun or Creole seasoning.
- Cut the catfish into 14 to 16 nugget-size pieces. Transfer to the bowl with the buttermilk and, using tongs, toss the fish so all the pieces are coated. Set aside while you make the slaw.
- In a medium bowl, combine the cabbage, radishes, cilantro, lime zest and juice, a pinch of salt, if using, and a pinch of sugar and toss to combine. Set aside while you cook the fish.
- Using tongs or a clean hand, transfer the buttermilk-coated fish to the bowl with the cornmeal mixture, and toss until each piece is well coated. It may seem like there's not enough breading, but there will be just enough.
- Add enough oil to a 12-inch cast-iron skillet to come ½-inch up the sides. Set over medium-high heat until the oil temperature reaches 360 degrees or a pinch of flour added to the oil sizzles instantly.
- Working in batches if necessary to avoid overcrowding, add the catfish and fry on one side until golden brown, about 3 minutes. Turn the pieces over and continue cooking until evenly brown on the other side, adjusting the heat as necessary to maintain an even temperature, another 2 to 3 minutes. Using tongs or a slotted spoon, transfer the cooked catfish to the lined baking sheet or plate to drain. Repeat with the remaining catfish, if needed.
- Divide the warmed tortillas between plates and add 2 or 3 pieces of catfish to each. Top with about 3 tablespoons of the slaw, a few slices of avocado and a few leaves of cilantro. Serve, with lime wedges on the side.

Nutrition | Per serving (2 tacos and 3 tablespoons slaw) based on 3: 481 Calories, 61g Carbohydrates, 48mg Cholesterol, 17g Fat, 7g Fiber, 23g Protein, 4g Saturated Fat, 784mg Sodium, 6g Sugar

Recipe tested by Kara Elder; email questions to food@washpost.com

Wash the peel, even if you don't eat it

Q&A
AARON HUTCHERSON AND BECKY KRYSTAL

Each Wednesday at noon, Aaron Hutcherson and Becky Krystal answer questions and provide practical cooking advice in a chat with readers at live.washingtonpost.com. *Aaron and Becky write and test recipes for Voraciously, The Post's team dedicated to helping you cook with confidence. Here are edited excerpts from a recent chat.*

Q: Should we wash avocados before cutting them, to get any yucky stuff off the peel or skin (even if the skin won't be eaten)? What about mangoes, oranges and other fruits and vegetables like potatoes?

A: Absolutely, you should be washing your produce, even if you're not eating the outside. The issue is that when you cut into it, you may drag any contamination on the outside into the flesh. But all you need is cold running water and a bit of scrubbing. No soap! Then pat dry with a clean towel.

— Becky Krystal

Q: I'm hosting a party and making all the desserts for it. Is it better to freeze shortbread before or after I bake it?

A: I've done both. It really depends on when you want to front-load your work. Freshly baked cookies are always nice. But also shortbread bakes up really well from frozen since it will hold its shape beautifully. For only a few days in the freezer, I don't think the baked cookies will suffer at all, either. And, frankly, if you're just baking a few days in advance, the cookies would be fine at room temp. Shortbread keeps for a week or more because of all the butter.

— B.K.

Q: Any general tips for converting regular recipes that would use an oven to an air fryer? I'm trying to cut down on using my gas oven and my convection/toaster oven stopped working.

A: The advice is pretty similar to converting recipes for a regular convection oven (an air fryer is just a small convection oven): Lower the temperature by 25 degrees and check for doneness 25 percent sooner than the stated time. It may require some further tweaking, but that's a good place to start.

— Aaron Hutcherson

Q: I hate store-bought flour tortillas and would like to make my own. Is it possible to freeze the dough at some point, preferably already rolled out?

A: I'd actually be much more inclined to freeze the tortillas once they're already made. Then you can simply toss them in a skillet or onto your gas burner to warm up or toast. When freezing, just be sure to separate the tortillas with parchment or wax paper so they don't stick together. Then place in a bag or container.

— B.K.





‘Plentiful’ is a plant-based look at Jamaica’s greatest hits

MOORE FROM E1

jerk “pork” gyoza incorporates store-bought vegan minced pork, for example, while patty recipes call for vegan chicken and vegan beef; vegan cheddar is also an abiding presence in these pages, slipped between those flaky patty crusts.

Yet many of Moore’s recipes imaginatively take advantage of the bounties of Jamaica. She pounds the silky flesh of ackee with nutritional yeast and miso paste and threads it into a carbonara so that the fruit mimics the feel of egg yolks. She blitzes lagoon-green leaves of callaloo into a pesto. She puckers a glossy hoisin glaze with sorrel, a hibiscus-forward drink common in the island nation.

Moore’s cooking is, in many ways, aligned with her life’s other artistic practice, music. Her third and most recent album, 2020’s “Modern Dread,” earned praise from critics for the way it wandered between R&B, electro-pop, and folk influences without sacrificing cogency. She describes her music as “genre free,” a label that might apply as readily to her food. One sees that allergy to categorization quite clearly in a dish like her new potatoes with herby crema and cashew chile nori oil. It’s a recipe she feels best embodies the book’s vibrancy, with its careful harmony of sweetness, salt and spice. “I ask myself the same questions when I wrote this book [as] when I’m making an album,” she said. “I just want to be myself.”

Moore was 9 when she and her family moved to England 20 years ago from her birth country. (She is matter-of-fact about the reason for this migration: “My family wanted to move out here to expand the possibilities of what me and my siblings wanted to do.”) But she still remembers the mango trees, the ackee trees, the coconut trees of her Jamaican youth; she remembers de-seeding tamarinds so her mother could make juice to serve with Sunday dinners. Music ran through her veins — her father was a musician, and she picked up her first guitar at 12 — but so, too, did food. She savored the pleasures of rice drenched in oxtail gravy. As she grew older, though, she gravitated toward vegetarianism, keeping eggs and dairy in her rotation, until, one day, she started to feel even those weren’t “necessary,” as she put it.


LOUISE HAGGER/PAT BATES & ASSOCIATES FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Denai Moore ran a supper club in London before the pandemic, putting the food she grew up with in a new context. It was a way of “revisiting my childhood tongue in a modern-day context,” she said.



PLENTIFUL
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It wasn’t until Moore was closer to adulthood that she really started to cook for herself with conscious intention. Transitioning to veganism forced her to become a more agile cook. She began to nimbly reimagine foods that had ferried her through her childhood. Her experiments to preserve her taste memories began with perfecting a patty, veganizing the Jamaican snack she’d enjoyed as a kid with cartons of chocolate milk. “I think a lot of people fear that they’ll kind of leave behind all the cultural foods that they had, or the things they had growing up, but you don’t have to miss out on that when you go vegan,” she said. Soon enough, her experiments grew more ambitious, and the thought of taking on intricate cooking projects consumed her. She was waking up every day wondering what she’d cook next. She started devising menus; she started hosting elaborate dinners for her friends.

Her first trip back to Jamaica as an adult, not long after she flipped over to veganism, kindled something in her: Moore came back to the United Kingdom and began a pop-up and supper club, Dee’s Table, a way of “revisiting my childhood tongue in a modern-day context.” She was nervous about this endeavor. “I guess I didn’t really feel like it was accessible to me, because sometimes restaurant culture and food culture feels quite alien,” she said. Entry into that world seemed to require access to gobs of capital; it was as if everyone but her was in on some secret. But she worked her way through this agita by just throwing herself into the work, full tilt.

Miraculously, being in a kitchen and cooking for a throng of people “didn’t feel insane,” she said. (If she had to hazard a guess, her first dinner probably had about 40 guests.) The act of feeding others came naturally to her. “It felt like I’ve done this before,” she said of that initial night, “and I want to do this forever.”

As she daydreamed of where to take Dee’s Table in the years that followed, she began to write an early proposal for “Plentiful,” sheepishly showing the draft to her music managers. But the business of generosity was also taxing. She didn’t get to concentrate much on feeding herself. “I’d make these elaborate dishes and specials for people and then end up eating some toast at the end of service,” she remembered. Those supper clubs came to a halt in 2020 due to the tremors of the pandemic, a time during which Moore became reacquainted with the romance of cooking for herself. With that solitude, the book’s purpose came into sharper view.

“Plentiful” belongs to a wave of recent cookbooks that honor the cooking traditions of Jamaica while also reframing the country’s cuisine. The past year alone has seen the emergence of such spiritually simpatico titles as Riaz Phillips’s “West Winds” and Melissa Thompson’s “Motherland,” whose recipes are both Jamaican in provenance.

In an email to The Washington Post, Phillips, who devoted an entire chapter to vegan Jamaican food in his cookbook, said he admires what he calls Moore’s “inventive dishes” that surpass most plant-based offerings at Jamaican spots in the United Kingdom. The very existence of Moore’s cookbook reflects changing industry tail winds. Not every house Phillips met with for his cookbook was as enthusiastic as his eventual publisher, Dorling Kindersley Limited. “Often you got the thought that if they already had a Jamaican book on their slate or one was scheduled then they didn’t want to take on another,” he said. He isn’t sure that he could’ve found a cookbook like Moore’s on shelves, say, five years ago.

Yvonne Maxwell, a London-based writer and documentary photographer, agrees. Moore’s book “is among a number of truly groundbreaking bodies of work that have been released by Black food writers and authors in the past year,” she said in an email. But Maxwell, whose work focuses on migration, identity and culture (including food) within Black communities in the United Kingdom and the African and Caribbean diasporas, tempers any optimism with caution. “However, while it is important to celebrate these wins, it is not lost on me that five years ago, perhaps even less, seeing a book like “Plentiful” come out of a major publishing house would be almost unheard of,” she said. “Prior to this period, publishers were still unconvinced by the desire for and interest in works depicting Black foodways and culture.”

In a food publishing landscape that has, in Maxwell’s view, long been overwhelmed with worn narratives — like touristic travelogues of the Mediterranean — such books as “Plentiful” and “West Winds” strike her as a tonic. She hopes that the industry’s new-found confidence in a wider array of Black voices in food isn’t a mere flash in the pan. “Ultimately, U.K. publishers should be as open and willing to support more Black food writers in bringing these stories and recipes to life in the same way that they have been committed to re-telling time and time again of the story of pasta and caprese salad,” she said.

What distinguishes “Plentiful,” after all, is its decidedly personal slant. That’s how Moore sees cooking: It’s a way to let people hear who you are. Traditions may vary from family to family, from person to person; not everyone’s Jamaican mother will make a dish of rice and peas the same way, she noted. That sort of variation is worth lauding. “I think that’s where food is headed, genuinely,” she said. “I think food is like breaking down the walls of those boundaries of what, how these things should exist. And just telling your story on a plate.”

She hopes that her book might start to push back on the distorted view some might still have of veganism as drab and joyless, or of Jamaican food as uniformly spicy and meaty. Veganism changed the way she cooked; it changed the way she saw where she came from. “So I feel like I’ve opened up a door,” she said. “A portal to a different world.”

Sen is the author of “Taste Makers: Seven Immigrant Women Who Revolutionized Food in America.”

Potatoes With Herby Tofu Crema and Cashew-Nori Chile Oil

6 servings

Simple new potatoes are elevated to memorable when topped with a crema made from silken tofu, herbs and garlic and a chile oil flavored with nori and cashews. The dish, from Denai Moore’s cookbook, “Plentiful,” works as a main or a side dish.

Tofu can come in 10- to 16-ounce packages; any size will work for the crema recipe below.

Storage: Refrigerate potatoes, crema and chile oil in separate airtight containers for up to 4 days.

Make ahead: The crema and chile oil can be prepared and refrigerated up to 1 day in advance. If refrigerating the chile oil, gently warm over low heat until liquefied.

Active time: 20 mins; **Total time:** 50 mins

Adapted from “Plentiful” by Denai Moore (Hardie Grant, 2023).


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Ingredients

For the potatoes

- 1 ½ pounds new potatoes
- Fine salt
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Freshly ground black pepper

For the tofu crema

- One (12-ounce) package silken tofu (see headnote)
- 1 cup (1 ounce) loosely packed fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 1 cup (1 ounce) loosely packed fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 clove garlic
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Fine salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

For the chile oil

- 2 sheets nori
- ½ cup olive oil
- ½ cup (2 ¼ ounces) raw cashews, roughly chopped
- 1 Scotch bonnet chile, finely sliced (may substitute habanero pepper)
- 3 cloves garlic, minced or finely grated
- Finely grated zest of 2 limes
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup
- ½ teaspoon fine salt, or more to taste

Steps

- Make the potatoes: Position a rack in the middle of the oven and preheat to 400 degrees.
- Put the potatoes in a medium saucepan, cover with cold water and season lightly with salt. Set over medium-high heat and bring to a boil. Taste the water; it should be pleasantly salty. If not, add a little more salt and taste again. Cook until the potatoes can be easily pierced with a fork, about 15 minutes. Drain the potatoes and transfer them to a large, rimmed baking sheet. Use the bottom of a coffee mug, or measuring cup, to lightly crush each potato. Drizzle with the olive oil and season lightly with salt and pepper. Roast for 30 minutes, or until the potatoes are browned and crispy.
- Make the tofu crema: Meanwhile, in a blender or food processor, combine the tofu, parsley, cilantro, garlic, lemon juice and a pinch each of salt and pepper, and process until smooth. Taste, and season with more salt and/or pepper, if needed. You should get about 1½ cups.
- Make the chile oil: In a spice grinder, process the nori sheets into a powder.
- In a small saucepan over medium heat, heat the olive oil until shimmering. Add the cashews and stir for 30 seconds, until golden brown. Add the chile and nori powder, stir and toast for another 30 seconds. Remove from the heat, stir in the garlic and lime zest and let the residual heat cook the garlic. Add the maple syrup and salt, stir, then transfer to a clean jar. You should get about 1 cup.
- Spread about half of the crema over a large serving platter. Top with the smashed potatoes, then dress with the chile oil and serve hot, with the remaining crema on the side.

Nutrition | Per serving (about ¾ cup potatoes, 2 tablespoons crema, 1 tablespoon chile oil): 204 Calories; 22g Carbohydrates, 0mg Cholesterol, 12g Fat, 3g Fiber, 4g Protein, 2g Saturated Fat, 171mg Sodium, 3g Sugar

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Beer, wine or seltzer: Everyone wants 'juicy'

BY KATE BERNOT

At Off Color Brewing's taproom in Chicago, bartenders field one question from customers more than any other: "Do you have any juicy beers?"

It's not easily answered, mostly because the definition of "juicy" is subjective. Do these guests seek tropical fruit flavors? Citrus notes? Hazy IPAs? Never mind the fact that Off Color has never brewed an IPA — juicy or otherwise — in its 10-year history, focusing instead on Belgian-inspired and farmhouse styles.

"It becomes a matter of sort of figuring out how they're personally defining the word 'juicy,'" says Ben Ustick, the brewery's social media and marketing coordinator.

Many of the yeast- and hop-derived fruity flavors in Off Color's beers do fit the bill, but in April, the brewery more explicitly gave people what they're demanding: a heavily dry-hopped saison called Juicy Predator.

This "juice-ification" of not just beer but all types of alcohol has been intensifying over the past decade and is reaching a zenith in 2023 with the debut of multiple brands of "hard juice," as well as spiked versions of juice-based beverages, including Simply Peach and SunnyD. That popularity doesn't hold true for nonalcoholic fruit juice, sales of which have been slumping for years. Figures from the Beverage Marketing Corporation show the volume of fruit juices sold in the United States has been falling annually since 2016, and is projected to decline by 1.8 percent annually through 2026.

Shoppers' concerns over the sugar content in juice partially explain the slide. But when it comes to alcohol, caloric quibbles seem to take a back seat to drinkers' desire for big, bold juice flavors.


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Even as sales of juice are down, alcoholic beverages that feature juice as a flavor agent are on the rise.

"Flavor is such a huge driver of what consumers are looking for, and juice is something that brings flavor by its very nature," says Greg Gallagher, vice president of brand marketing for the beer brand Modelo, which in March launched a line of boozy aguas frescas. "Not many juices make you say, 'Eh, not a lot of flavor here.'"

So it was actual juices that Modelo looked to when developing specific flavors for its spiked aguas frescas. Its employees fanned out from the company's Mexico City offices in search of street vendors and markets selling the traditional, nonalcoholic versions. They found them in flavors including pineapple, watermelon, hibiscus and cucumber-lime, which became inspiration for Modelo's four initial flavors, drawing a direct line from fruit juice to U.S. beer aisles.

While these hard aguas frescas are not beer — they're made with a base similar to that of hard seltzer — juice and beer have had a cozy relationship since the first hazy IPAs began hitting taps in the mid-2010s. Deriving their "juiciness" from the tropical and citrusy aromas naturally occurring in certain types of hops, these IPAs had names like Juicy Bits, Son of Juice, Juice Jolt, and the king of all of them: Juice Force. Last year, the hazy imperial IPA from New Belgium's Voodoo Ranger line became the biggest craft beer brand debut in history, delivering such straightforwardly fruit juice flavors that one user on beer rating app Untappd likened it to "an alcoholic Hawaiian Punch."

Juice is also winning in wine. Not with jammy cabernets, though, but products that most sommeliers would barely recognize as wine. Take BeatBox, a boxed wine brand that eschews vinous terminology and instead calls itself a "party punch," with flavors such as pink lemonade, mango and cranberry — the latter in partnership with Nathan Apodaca, the man whose skateboarding video and affection for Ocean Spray's CranRaspberry Cocktail made him a viral sensation in 2020.

While overall wine sales have been sluggish in recent years, BeatBox has bucked the trend. Its year-over-year dollar sales growth at the beginning 2023 made it one of the fastest growing ready-to-drink alcohol brands, outpacing even leading canned cocktails. Behind that success? Juice, of course — and not just in terms of flavor. Alcohol e-commerce website Drizly describes BeatBox's packaging as "light, squeezable pouches ... [that] evoke an almost juice box-like drinking experience." (Your move, Capri Sun.)

The juicing up of everything logically leads to one endpoint: straight-up boozy juice. The first products labeled "hard juice" hit the market this year, with more on the way. No doubt eyeing the success of Juice Force IPA, New Belgium in March launched Wild Nectar Hard Juice in passionfruit-lime, strawberry-guava and passionfruit-mango-orange. In April, Philadelphia-based company Two Robbers, known for its hard seltzers, launched mango and black cherry flavors of Double Punch Hard Juice.

The company says the idea came from Two Robbers customers, who posted social media videos of themselves blending hard seltzer with fruit juices. To really capture not just the flavor of juice but its slightly viscous texture, Double Punch has what co-founder Vikram Nayar calls a "full-bodied" mouthfeel.

"From a drinking experience standpoint, it feels more like you're drinking a cocktail versus our current seltzers, which are more like a light beer," Nayar says. "Hard juices are a little more rich, indulgent and flavor-forward."

As sure a bet as juice seems to be in alcohol right now, these products are not without critics. Namely, some public health officials and even alcohol trade groups have raised concerns that so-called "crossover" beverages — which add alcohol to existing nonalcoholic brands — could appeal to children or confuse shoppers. In March, Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) signed a law prohibiting stores from displaying spiked versions adjacent to their nonalcoholic counterparts. And where products like Simply Spiked or SunnyD Vodka Seltzer are stocked in Virginia, stores must hang signs "of sufficient size to notify the consumer that the product contains alcohol."

Producers of juice-inspired alcohol say they're not targeting kids at all, but instead adults who are perhaps nostalgic for the familiar flavors of their childhood. Even if they don't drink actual fruit juice much anymore, adults might still feel affection for those colorful cartons and bottles. BeatBox co-founder Brad Schultz says that combining those memorable fruit juices and alcohol is, for adults, "an indulgence, a treat."

"It's comforting," Schultz says of the nostalgic effect. "The majority of people look at the past as a positive, and they look back with fondness."

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HOW-TO

A guide to neutral oils for cooking and baking

BY BECKY KRYSTAL

Few ingredients can simultaneously claim to be wallflowers and essential cooking staples, but neutral oils fall into that category.

Neutral oils are exactly what they sound like: Oils with little to no discernible flavor. They are a staple of cooking and baking, and chances are you already have at least one, or several, on your shelves. Here's what you need to know about them.

What they are

Neutral oils are made from nuts, grains, seeds or fruits. Among the most common varieties you'll find are corn, canola (derived from rapeseed), vegetable (typically a blend that may include corn, canola, soybean and sunflower oils), avocado, grapeseed, sunflower, safflower and peanut.

These types of oils can be extracted mechanically, by pressing the source food in an expeller, or chemically with solvents, Jennifer Cook wrote in a guide to picking cooking oils for Consumer Reports in The Washington Post. After that, the oils are often refined with chemicals and high temperatures, which creates uniform color, shelf stability and their characteristic neutral flavor.

Keep in mind that anything labeled as cold-pressed, unrefined, virgin or extra-virgin is unlikely to be neutral in flavor. Olive oil and coconut oil are prime examples, though you can find more neutral refined versions of these. ("Cooking" and "extra-light" olive oils are common.) Peanut and avocado oils can also go either way depending on how they're processed. Some nut oils, such as walnut or hazelnut, retain the flavor of their source, so they are best used in recipes where you want that to come through.

When to use them

As you'd expect, neutral oils are ideal when you don't even want to know they're there. "In highly seasoned food, the characteristic flavor of a fat may not be noticeable, but in delicate foods it is," Shirley O. Corriher writes in "CookWise."

Baking is a prime example, as many cakes, muffins and quick breads rely on oils for tender, moist texture. While some recipes are designed to take advantage of the characteristic flavor of more assertive oils, such as Strawberry and Pistachio Olive Oil Cake, neutral oils are in generally better for baked goods, especially in classic yellow cakes, such as with Tres Leches Cake or Blueberry Poke Cake, or cupcakes. (Capitalized recipe names can be found online at *washingtonpost.com/recipes.*)

The choice of oil can make or break some savory applications. A neutral oil is preferable in something like a homemade mayonnaise or aioli, where it is just one of a few uncooked ingredients with little to hide behind. Similarly, canola oil makes for an appropriate blank canvas for other sauces and condiments, including S'chug, Sichuan Chile Oil and Jalapeño Oil.

Why else they're important

Neutral oils deserve a place in your pantry for another big reason: Their high smoke points. All fats, including oils, have a smoke point, the point at which they will begin to produce smoke. Specifically, it's when anything in the oil — fats, proteins, sugars, other organic material — starts to interact with oxygen and burn, says Joseph Provost, a chemistry and biochemistry professor at the University of San Diego who co-wrote "The Science of Cooking: Understanding the Biology and Chemistry Behind Food and Cooking."

The refining process removes a lot of the compounds prone to burning, which is especially helpful when it comes to searing or frying. What happens when your oil burns? It tastes and smells bad, that's what.

Here's a rough guide to the smoke points of common refined neutral oils, largely pulled from a list shared by food scientist and author Robert Wolke in The Post in 2007:

Canola, 400 degrees
Grapeseed, 420
Sunflower, 440
Corn, 450
Peanut, 450
Vegetable oil blends, 450
Extra-light olive, 468
Avocado, 500
Safflower, 510

Other considerations

In addition to the higher smoke points and unassuming flavor, many neutral oils have something else going for them: their relative affordability. Canola and vegetable oils are ideal for recipes where scale is paramount, such as when you're using large quantities for frying or baking. Other options, such as avocado and even peanut oils, can cost several times more and are best used in more sparing amounts if you're concerned with budget.

To combat climate change, wineries move uphill or look down from space



Wine

DAVE MCINTYRE

Winegrowers are adapting to climate change in many ways. Some consider abandoning traditional grape varieties long associated with their regions for vines that may be better suited to earlier and more variable growing seasons. Others look up — to more northerly latitudes or higher altitudes — in search of new vineyards.

Pio Boffa, a celebrated producer of barolo and barbaresco at Pio Cesare winery in Italy's Piedmonte, not only saw average temperatures rising but also a decline in the autumn rains and winter snows that nourished his vineyard soils with water. So in late 2018 he purchased land higher in the mountains of the Alta Langa with the idea of planting nebbiolo in an area where most vineyards grew chardonnay and pinot noir for sparkling wines.

Pio Boffa died in early 2021, and his daughter, Federica Boffa, planted the first parcel of nebbiolo vines at the new site later that spring. The idea, she told me in an email, was "to see if Barolo and Barbaresco might survive and thrive in high altitude vineyards that remain very close to the famous appellations." She will harvest the first grapes this year, and plans to vinify them using the same techniques her family has used for five generations. If the results are good, she will plant more vines next spring.

Boffa will label the new wine as Langhe Nebbiolo, because Italian regulations limit the boundaries for the pricier barolo and barbaresco wines. "For the moment," she adds. "Who knows for the future?"

José Silva also looked up — way up to outer space. No, he's not planting vines on Mars. Silva, owner of Quinta do Escudial winery in Portugal's Dão region, hooked up with Terroir from Space, a start-up based in Italy using satellite data and artificial intelligence to help winegrowers identify promising sites for new vineyards.

Terroir from Space is the brainchild of Alessandro Saetta, Paul Kimon Weissenberg and Manuel Poêjo Torres, friends with a shared love of wine and science. (Saetta studied aerospace engineering at the Politecnico di Milano.) With support from the European Space Agency's Copernicus program, they developed an algorithm that compares current and historical satellite images, meteorological records and hydrometry to project trends into the future.

Confident that their model could help winegrowers map a new vineyard landscape in a dynamic, changing climate, Saetta and his colleagues joined Porto Protocol, an international group of wineries sharing information and advocating for actions to counter climate change.

"There's an amazing amount of information in satellite data," Weissenberg explained in a video call. "We can determine soil composition up to half a meter deep, the amount of sunlight that shines on a site, and severe weather events to help us project short- to medium-term trends."

Silva wanted to plant new vineyards at higher altitudes where vines would face less disease pressure and enjoy a longer growing season. He had a site in mind, but Terroir from Space prompted him to keep looking.

"Our model projected there would be less rain but more severe storms in the area, so the site he was looking at was too steep a slope and vulnerable to erosion," Saetta said.

The model also made a "surprising" recommendation that Silva seek a northerly facing site, rather than one oriented south or southwest, as is typical in the Dão.

"Looking for higher-altitude areas, and preferably facing north, were just two of the conclusions we got from Terroir from Space," Silva told me in an email (facilitated by Google Translate). In a business that takes years to yield results, Silva said the information generated by Terroir from Space can help growers avoid costly mistakes when considering new vineyard sites.

Gustavo Ascione, one of four partners in Falernia winery north of Naples, said he believes Terroir from Space can help wineries innovate with new blends by helping match grape varieties to particular vineyard sites. Falernia is looking to soften its 4A Falerno del Massico red, a blend of ancient aglianico and piedirosso varieties, with small amounts of cabernet sauvignon or merlot. Finding favorable sites will be crucial, especially since the winery farms organically and cannot rely on chemicals to fight disease, he said.

"Being able to predict the best conditions will be essential for us to imagine new investments in new vineyard sites," he explained.

As climate change challenges us to rethink our preconceptions of where wine can be grown and what it should taste like, part of that new perspective may come from outer space.

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PIO CESARE WINERY

Pio Cesare winery planted nebbiolo grapes in higher-altitude vineyards in the Alta Langa region of Piedmonte, an area known for pinot noir and chardonnay.

RECOMMENDATIONS



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From left, Klinker Brick Bricks & Roses Rosé 2022; Domaine la Maïonnette Instant Rosé 2022; Domaine des Rocs Sancto Lupo Pic Saint-Loup 2020.

As the weather warms and we fire up the grills, the season calls for crisp, refreshing rosés and hearty reds for the main course.

— D.M.

GREAT VALUE
Klinker Brick Bricks & Roses Rosé 2022
★★★☆

Lodi, Calif., $16

This Rhone-style blend of grenache, mourvedre, carignane and syrah drips flavors of watermelon and sage with a round, soft texture that caresses the palate. Enjoy this beauty by itself and with spicy or briny appetizers. Certified Lodi Rules Green. Alcohol by volume: 11.9 percent. Bottle Weight: 540 grams (Average).

Distributed locally by Republic National (*erndc.com*).

GREAT VALUE
Domaine la Maïonnette Instant Rosé 2022
★★★½

Côtes de Provence, France, $23

This wine sings with the clarity of a bell — tart bitterness hits the high tones and provides freshness, while just enough sweetness balances with bass notes. Flavors of wild herbs and juicy berries provide the grace notes. Bravo! ABV: 13 percent. BW: 590 grams (Average).

Imported and distributed locally by Kysela Pere et Fils (*kysela.com*).

Domaine des Rocs Sancto Lupo Pic Saint-Loup 2020
★★★½

Languedoc, France, $30

Winemaker Brigitte Jeanjean has crafted a deep and savory masterpiece from syrah and grenache grown in the foothills of the Cévennes mountain range in southern France. Meaty aromas and flavors are seasoned with the wild herb and lavender notes known as "garrigue." This wine will pair nicely with any meats off the grill, as well as post-dinner contemplation. Certified organic. ABV: 14 percent. BW: 680 grams (Average).

Imported and distributed locally by Baron Francois (*baronfrancois.com*).

Prices are approximate. For availability, check Wine.com, Wine-searcher.com and the websites and social media feeds of the wineries, importers or distributors. You can also ask your local retailer to order wines from the distributors listed.

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Baking wasn't all about bread

BREAD FROM E1

Some of these are what I refer to in shorthand as "BfO" bakes — Baking for Others. Some are for our household. (The spouse is an inveterate sandwich eater.) Some bakes are just for me, to experiment with a new technique, a new grain or simply a new recipe that catches my eye.

I don't tend to create my own recipes, but I do tweak others', sometimes intentionally as part of this exploration, sometimes purely by accident. I've had a lot of happy accidents over 35-plus years of home baking, and some amusing misfires, too — and that's okay.

Sometimes bread is not all about the bread.

Bread baking is "just" a hobby: My professional life has been primarily in the national security space. Perhaps it's a right brain/left brain kind of thing, but I've always found it a healthy distraction to play with flour. (Of course, kneading the daylights out of an innocent wad of dough is also great for stress release.)

The geeky part of me is fascinated by the chemistry, that magical alchemy that results from combining the most mundane of ingredients — flour, water, salt and yeast. It's no wonder that some form of bread can be found in cultures pretty much the world over. I love searching out small mills that keep heirloom grain varieties alive; heck, even my house in Delaware is an old flour and grist mill.

After a lot of BfO during the depths of the pandemic, I found myself by late 2021 in a bit of a rut, though, falling back on tried-and-true recipes. I needed to shake things up a bit and try new bakes. Hence this self-inflicted challenge of a year's worth of new recipes. It was a good thing — hard at times in terms of scheduling, but exhilarating in forcing me out of my comfort zone, to build new skills and discover new styles, bakers, ingredients and recipes.

It was also humbling at times.

One of my greatest weaknesses is impatience and a tendency to move too fast. Suffice to say, that doesn't always work well when baking. I still laugh at what I termed the "big-A" biga bread flail: I was moving too quickly and accidentally added almost twice as much biga — a type of yeast pre-ferment I had prepared the day before — to ingredients that I had mixing in a stand mixer. Realizing it was too late to do anything about it, I continued onward, fully expecting that the baked loaves would be disasters suitable only for the compost.

Shockingly, they turned out well — laughably tall, each more than 8 inches high — but with an intriguing depth of flavor, I'm guessing from the copious fermented yeast.

Baking is like that: full of life lessons. This one was about patience and slowing down, but also about not giving up, and learning from mistakes. (I've since taken to increasing the biga proportion when tweaking other recipes.)

Another such lesson comes from one of the many bakers I've encountered in researching recipes: "Do not overthink breadmaking." It's a great one for those of us who can geek out at times about chemistry or technique or flour protein levels. Sometimes, it's simply leaning into the joy of making bread to share with those we love.

This is one of those recipes that's a joy to share, an unusual one that we don't typically find in the United States — but should: Stanley Ginsberg's "Sturenkadun Piimälimppu," or Helsinki Buttermilk Rye, from his wonderfully well-researched book, "The Rye Baker."

I first made this halfway through my 2022 challenge, and immediately knew I'd keep it on repeat. It's sweet, sour, bitter and citrusy all at the same time, and absolutely magical for an open-face sandwich or cocktail nosh with a mild Havarti cheese and smoked salmon. I've also served it to houseguests for breakfast, toasted, with orange marmalade alongside.

Finding new breads such as this — how can I stop at just one year's worth? The journey continues.



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ABOVE: An array of the bread that Diane Batchik baked over the course of the challenge to herself in 2022. BELOW: Batchik rolls up a savory stuffed dough full of cheese, vegetables and herbs. She says the challenge was hard but exhilarating. And she's still at it.



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Helsinki Buttermilk Rye (Sturenkadun Piimalimppu)

24 servings

It's easy to customize this bread by swapping in different types of beers, sweeteners and spices. The color of the finished loaves will vary depending on the baker's choices. Lighter beers, such as a Belgian white, and honey yield a golden tan loaf; dark beers, such as a rye porter, and barley malt syrup result in darker, reddish-brown bread.

This recipe works most easily in a stand mixer. While it can be made by hand, rye is very sticky and can be more difficult to knead by hand.

Storage: Let the bread cool completely, then wrap tightly, and store on the counter or in a breadbox at room temperature for up to 5 days.

Active time: 35 mins; **Total time:** 3 hours

Adapted from "The Rye Baker" by Stanley Ginsberg (Norton, 2016).



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Ingredients

- 615 grams (2 ½ cups) well-shaken buttermilk
- 15 grams (1 tablespoon) unsalted butter, plus melted butter for brushing
- 75 grams (⅓ cup) beer, at room temperature (see headnote)
- 140 grams (scant ½ cup) malt syrup, light molasses or honey
- 16 grams (4 teaspoons) instant yeast
- 425 grams (generous 3 ½ cups) dark or medium rye flour
- 425 grams (scant 3 ½ cups) bread flour
- 12 grams (2 teaspoons) fine salt
- 3 grams (1 ¼ teaspoons) aniseed, toasted and ground (optional)
- 2 grams (1 ¼ teaspoons) fennel seeds (optional)
- 2 grams (1 teaspoon) cumin seeds (optional)
- 2 grams (1 teaspoon) finely grated orange zest

Steps

- In a small saucepan over medium-low heat, combine the buttermilk with butter and warm the mixture to 100 degrees. Remove from the heat, add the beer; malt syrup, molasses or honey; and yeast and stir until combined. Set aside.
- In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, combine the flours, salt, spices, if using, and zest. With the mixer on low speed (No. 2 setting if using a KitchenAid mixer), mix together just until blended, 1 to 2 minutes. Add the buttermilk mixture and continue mixing until the ingredients are well hydrated, 3 to 4 minutes. Stop the mixer and switch to the dough hook, and continue mixing until the dough comes together and leaves the sides of the bowl, speeding up the mixer as needed, 6 to 8 minutes. (Rye flour is notoriously sticky. Scrape the bottom and sides of the bowl as needed to ensure all the flour is incorporated.)
- Cover the bowl with a clean kitchen towel or plate and set aside on the counter until doubled in bulk, 1 hour to 1 ½ hours.
- Generously flour your work surface and turn the dough out onto it. Place two pieces of parchment paper large enough to hold half of the dough near your workspace.
- Transfer the dough to the floured counter and cut it in half – each piece should weigh about 850 grams. Shape each half into a round or oval loaf and set to rise on the prepared parchment pieces. Cover with plastic wrap or a well-floured kitchen towel, and let proof at room temperature until the first cracks appear on the surface of the loaves, 45 to 60 minutes. (Alternatively, if you're using a pizza stone, you can flour a baker's peel and let the loaves rise on it.)
- While the loaves are proofing, position a rack in the middle of the oven, place a sheet pan (or pizza stone) on the rack and preheat to 390 degrees.
- Dock the loaves thoroughly (just barely breaking the surface) with a fork, chopstick or docking wheel, and brush with melted butter.
- Bake for 20 minutes, then reduce the oven temperature to 340 degrees and bake for an additional 25 to 30 minutes, or until the loaf sounds hollow when tapped with a finger and the internal temperature reaches at least 198 degrees. Transfer to a wire rack and let cool completely before slicing. This bread tastes best after 2 to 3 days.

Nutrition | Per serving (one ½-inch slice): 225 Calories, 32g Carbohydrates, 22mg Cholesterol, 9g Fat, 3g Fiber, 5g Protein, 5g Saturated Fat, 227mg Sodium, 6g Sugar

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The recipe for lemon posset is so simple it seems impossible

LEMON POSSET FROM E1

prevents the casein proteins in the dairy from forming curds, so it simply thickens. Sugar, dissolved into the cream before the acid is added, encourages the cream to thicken evenly.

Posset recipes don't vary much, because too much sugar will throw the ratio of acid to dairy off. Adding too much sugar makes an overly sweet posset, but if you don't add enough it will taste like cream that's gone sour. You might think more lemon juice would help the posset set faster, but lemon juice contains a lot of water, and that will actually impede thickening.

Today's posset bears only a passing resemblance to those made in their heyday in the 16th century. Back then, possets were warm, boozy drinks. "A well-made posset separated into three layers: a frothy cream called the 'grace' floated on top, a smooth custard occupied the middle tier and warm ale or spirits lay below," writes Jeri Quinzio in "Dessert: A Tale of Happy Endings." Potters even made special posset cups, which featured a drinking spout so that a diner could sip the liquid at the bottom while spooning out the cream and custard from above.

In this recipe, adapted from one I used when I worked in restaurants, I suggest you add a little crème fraîche in with the heavy cream and sugar. It's not necessary, but I like the density it gives the finished puddings. The longer you let the posset sit in the fridge, the firmer it gets. Lots of recipes suggest serving it with cookies, but I like my posset with fresh, macerated or jammy berries on top.



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Lemon Posset

6 servings

This classic British pudding is a simple mix of cream, sugar and lemon juice. A touch of crème fraîche gives it a firmer texture, which is nice if you want to top the pudding with fresh or stewed fruit.

Total time: 10 mins, plus chilling time

Storage: Refrigerate for up to 2 days.

Make Ahead: The posset needs to be refrigerated for 2 to 3 hours before serving.

From staff writer G. Daniela Galarza.

Ingredients

- 2 cups (480 milliliters) heavy cream
- ½ cup (112 grams) crème fraîche (may substitute additional cream)
- ⅔ cup (134 grams) granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon finely grated lemon zest (from 2 large lemons)
- ⅓ cup (100 milliliters) fresh lemon juice (from 2 to 3 large lemons)
- Fresh or cooked fruit, such as berries or rhubarb, for serving

Steps

- In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, combine the heavy cream, crème fraîche, sugar and lemon zest. Bring mixture to a gentle boil and boil for 1 minute, stirring occasionally.
- Maintain a steady simmer, adjusting the heat as needed, and cook, letting the cream reduce slightly for another 2 minutes.
- Remove from the heat and stir in the lemon juice. Strain through a fine-mesh strainer into a large measuring cup with a spout.
- Pour the mixture into six (1-cup/240-milliliter) ramekins or glasses/tea cups. Refrigerate, uncovered, for 2 to 3 hours, and up to overnight, before serving plain, or with fresh or cooked fruit on top.

Nutrition | Per serving (scant ⅔ cup): 440 Calories, 27g Carbohydrates, 136mg Cholesterol, 37g Fat, 0g Fiber, 2g Protein, 23g Saturated Fat, 38mg Sodium, 24g Sugar

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